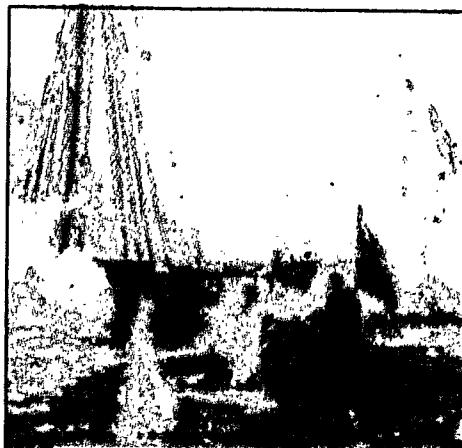


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### AARP Chapter 1114 meets at Waveland

Chapter 1114 of AARP will meet Monday, Nov. 18 at 10 a.m. at the Legion Hall on Coleman Avenue in Waveland. Important information on assistance with prescriptions.

### St. Clare Sodality luncheon and bingo

St. Clare's Sodality will have its monthly luncheon and bingo at St. Clare's school hall, 236 South Beach Boulevard in Waveland Tuesday, Nov. 19. The menu includes turkey, dressing, sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, bun and dessert for \$3.25 per person. Take-outs are available. Call 467-3553. Serving of dinner will begin at noon. Take-outs may be called in sooner.

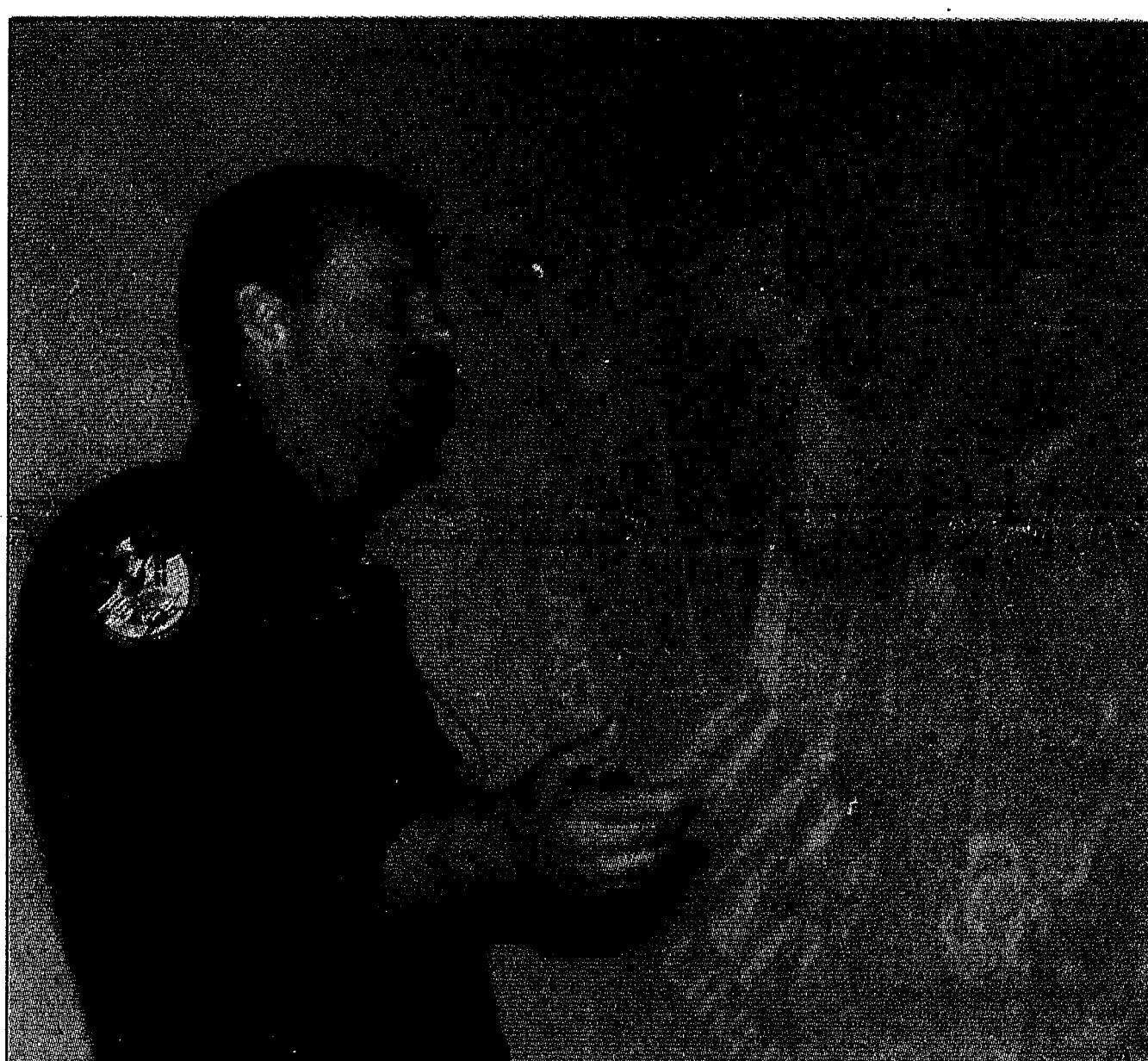
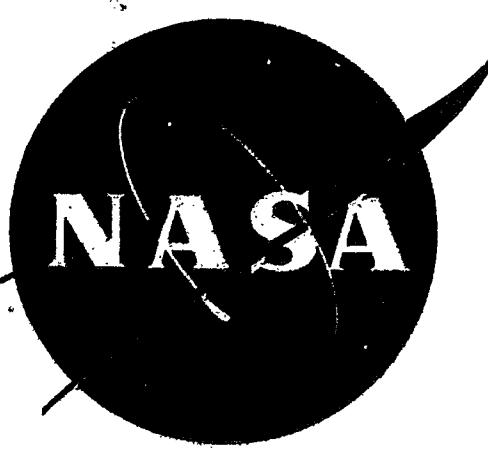
### St. Jude novena

St. Ann Church will celebrate the St. Jude Novena Nov. 16-24. Sat., after 4 p.m. mass; Sun., after 10:30 a.m. mass; weekdays, after 8:30 a.m. mass.

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## THE FINAL FRONTIER



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins  
NASA astronaut Scott D. Altman speaks to a group of students Thursday at StenniSphere about his recent trip into space.

### Astronaut shares 'star' experience with students

BY SHANNON JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Although NASA astronaut Scott D. Altman sports quite an impressive resume, several students on a field trip to

StenniSphere were in awe that he had met actor Tom Cruise while serving as a pilot in the movie "Top Gun."

"If he saw Tom Cruise," said Casey Collins, a 13-year-old student from Copiah Academy in Copiah County, "he's good."

Others, however, ignored Altman's encounter with a movie star and really absorbed his presentation Thursday about his most recent trip to

space.

"I really enjoyed (his presentation)," said 14-year-old Carla Aguilar. "I liked all the pictures of space."

During his visit to John C. Stennis Space Center, Altman informed the group of students about his March 2002 servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope (HST), complete with

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Harris



Blackwell



Piazza



Saucier

## Election Day is Tuesday — again

Hot contests in Waveland; Persons vs. Teel for judge

BY GEOFF BELCHER  
News Editor

If you missed out on election day earlier this month, don't worry: You still have two more chances.

In Hancock County, voters will decide Tuesday who will win the runoff between Jim Persons and Walter W. "Wes" Teel for the District 8, Place 1 chancery court judge's seat; and Waveland voters must determine Tuesday who will be the Democratic nominees for the wards 3 and 4 aldermen's post — and go on to December's general election.

Brian Schmitt will square off against Clarence Harris Tuesday for the right to challenge Republican candidate Scott Blackwell for Alderman Louie Smolensky's vacated Ward 3 seat; and incumbent Ward 4 Alderman Charles Piazza will defend his position against Santo Saucier Jr. for the right to face off against Republican Judianne "Judee" "Red" English on Dec. 3.

Harris said recently that "I am a family man concerned about the city of Waveland. Exercise your right to vote, as you have the power to make a

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## County still coping with courthouse contamination

BY BENNIE  
SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Toxicologist for the Center for Environmental Health Allan C. Nye spent a day last week at the Hancock County Court House performing extensive monitoring tests on soil and air, said Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar on Thursday. The testing comes as result of questions raised last month when traces of the pesticide chlordane were found in the crawl space under the 90-year-old building.

Nye did not seem to be

alarmed by what he found, Kellar said. "He said that you could go to any home in the area built before 1970 and find similar levels."

Kellar said Nye took air samples both inside and under the building and soil samples under the building. Nye said that exposure to the chemical inside the courthouse was a non-issue, Kellar said, and did not recommend that any work stop there.

Work under the building will

stay on hold until a report on

COURTHOUSE -- PAGE 7A



Secretary of State Eric Clark was at the Hancock County Courthouse on Friday to hand over the deed for a parcel of tax forfeited land to the Board of Supervisors. The 5.6 acre parcel of land is located on the east side of Hwy. 603 about half a mile from Hwy. 90 and has a value of about \$500,000, Clark said. The parcel is the most valuable piece of property that the state has ever transferred to a local entity, said Clark, but the state would like to transfer more property for local use.

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by Bennie Shallbetter

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Mike Istre, Winn-Dixie New Orleans Division president, left; Roger Glenn, co-manager of the Pass Christian Winn-Dixie store; E.J. Parker; Cathy Parker; store Manager Michael Moore; District Manager Bado Landry; Retail Operations Superintendent Roy Brocato and Director of Human Resources for Winn Dixie Scott Moore.

## Local family wins 'groceries for life'

BY SHANNON JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Grocery shopping for one Pass Christian women recently became a much more enjoyable experience since she won the "Groceries For Life" Sweepstakes at Winn-Dixie.

Cathy Parker, a third-grade teacher at Delisle Elementary, will receive 52 \$100 certificates per year for the rest of her life.

Michael Moore, store manager of the Pass Christian Winn-Dixie, said Parker was the one and only winner of the sweepstakes out of 157 stores in the New Orleans distribution area.

"What a surprise and honor for the city of Pass Christian," Moore said. "I'm glad the winner was here, and I'm happy for Cathy, who's a regular customer here."

Moore and Mike Istre, division president of New Orleans, presented Parker's first installment of the estimated \$374,000 grand prize on Friday along with other Winn-Dixie representatives.

Parker, who has shopped at the store since it opened about two years ago, found out she won the sweepstakes in early October. After the initial shock wore off, Parker began thinking of the benefits of free groceries for the rest of her life.

"I usually eat before I go shopping so I don't buy so

much," Parker said. "I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I can shop hungry now.'"

She also has many generous intentions as the grand prize winner. Parker said she intends to donate food to her church for events and charities, make food baskets for Thanksgiving and help needy children at her school. Parker said she keeps thinking of more things to do with her winnings.

Parker, 52, and her 55-year-old husband, E.J., also have a food-filled retirement to look forward to in the years to come.

"It's one less thing we have to worry about when we retire," she said. "We'll at least have food."

Free groceries will also come in handy next May when her 23-year-old daughter gets married.

"She is so excited to have cheese and crackers at her wedding," Parker said.

Of course, her students at school also have plans for the groceries.

"My students were jumping up and down when they heard about it," Parker said. "They get treats on Fridays if they're good. The first thing they thought about was having parties now instead of just treats."

Her students also made her a wish list of items they wanted her to purchase during her first shopping trip.

## Gulfside Assembly celebrates 80th anniversary

On Nov. 22-23 Gulfside Assembly will honor Theressa Hoover, retired executive for the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church.

Picture a large number of women marching to the beach, dressed in white, bearing candles and singing "Walk In the Light." These spiritual journeys took place at Schools of Christian Mission at Gulfside Assembly.

The School of Christian Mission for Women of the Central Jurisdiction started at Gulfside in 1926. It was the foundation from which the present schools of mission are built.

In celebration of the 75th anniversary of Gulfside

Assembly in 1998, the congregation relived that experience. The entire weekend was filled with celebration of the spirit, prayers, worship, workshops, music, picnics and fun.

Rev. Cynthia Wilson-Hollis provided the music. There were activities for children, and a large number of men, women and children attended.

The men fried fish in the yard and fed everyone.

Everyone is invited to help celebrate the church's 80th anniversary.

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## Sheriff, RSVP to host sr. safety seminar

Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber and the Retired Senior Volunteer Program are hosting a seminar at the Bay St. Louis Depot on senior citizens safety and security issues that affect today's seniors.

The seminar will take place Nov. 22 at 11 a.m.

Lunch will be provided, and the Sheriff's Department will be making identification cards during the meeting.

Seating is limited to 70 people, so call today.

RSVP is taking reservations at 467-9204.

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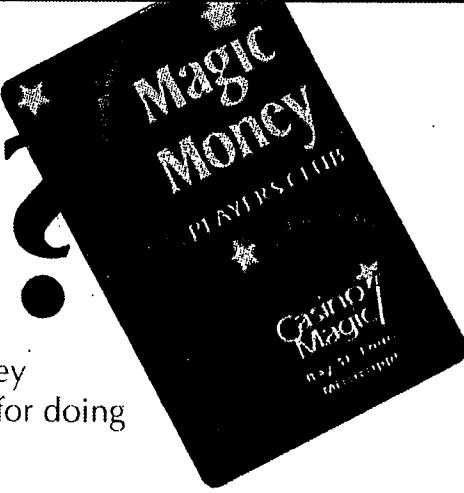
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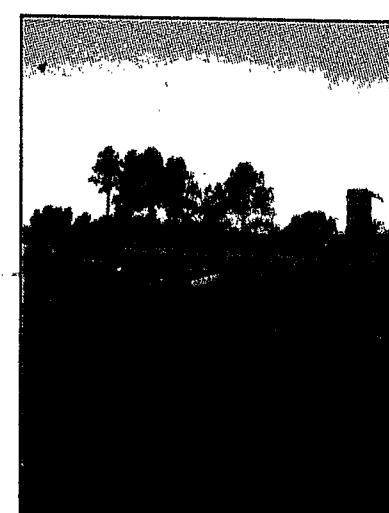
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## Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice Facility from Nov. 7 to Nov. 15. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

### ECHO STAFF REPORT

- Mary E. Crane, 47, DUI (1st), careless driving, possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia
- Luan Vu Nguyen, 31, (warrant) possession of controlled substance
- Jennifer Jones, 34, public drunk
- Russell Mills, 26, possession of anhydrous ammonia (warrant)
- Alicia Nunn, 35, possession of controlled substance
- Donner N. Vaughn, 23, possession of controlled substance
- Jason Mitchell, 18, driving on suspended driver's license, driving under influence of drugs
- Jarrod A. Deschamp, 30, disturbance of business, contempt of court (failure to appear)
- Edward Adam Holmes, 44, reckless driving, DUI (1st), disregard to traffic device
- Rodney M. Bradley, 19, sale of controlled substance
- Devin L. Dixon, 24, sale of controlled substance
- Daniel Bowens, 49, sale of controlled substance
- Peggy A. Vaughn, 49, sale of controlled substance
- Tony Coles, 25, sale of controlled substance
- Willie Thompson, 39, sale of controlled substance
- Germaine Lymuel, 28, sale of controlled substance
- Michael Galloway, 27, sale of controlled substance
- Deric Gillum, 25, sale of controlled substance
- Ronnie Earhart, 22, sale of controlled substance
- James Ricks, 27, sale of controlled substance
- Johanna Catalonatto, 23, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Joseph Christo, 33, contempt of court (failure to appear), (warrant)
- Peter N. Callaghan, 18,

disturbance of peace

- Jamieson Magee, 26, sale of controlled substance
- Kendall Daniels, 28, sale of controlled substance
- Henry Moran, 43, driving while suspended, no insurance, speeding
- Donna K. Gunderson, 37, possession of marijuana, sale of controlled substance
- Paul J. Saucier, 21, sale of controlled substance
- Roxy A. Green, 28, simple assault (domestic)
- Stanley Garcia, 30, possession of controlled substance
- Selina Faye Hutto, 30, possession of controlled substance, no insurance, no seat belt, no driver's license, improper equipment
- Horace James Garcia, 32, disturbance of family (non-domestic)
- Joshua David O'Neil, 24, reckless driving, DUI (1st), no proof of insurance
- George R. Duval Jr., 45, disorderly conduct, public drunk
- James B. Chisholm Jr., 45, DUI, no driver's license
- Michael Leon Denza, 29, simple assault (domestic), simple assault on correction officer
- Martin Rodek, 50, DUI (2nd), suspended driver's license
- Billy C. Evans, 48, contempt of court (failure to appear), DUI, suspended driver's license, no insurance, (warrant)
- Donna P. Nash, 40, possession of paraphernalia (crack pipe), driving with suspended driver's license
- Stephen B. Lee, 42, parole violation, disorderly conduct
- John Louis Napolitano, 23, careless driving, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct
- Darrell Peterson, 39, DUI (2nd), suspended driver's license, following too closely
- Ana Molina, 24, one count bad check (warrant)
- Willie M. Nicholson, 30, (warrant), speeding, suspended driver's license, DUI (2nd), parole violation
- Emily Huber, 43, DUI, telephone harassment (war-

careless driving

- William N. King Jr., 52, contempt of court (failure to pay)

Fredrick L. Walker, 43, DUI, speeding, suspended driver's license

Eric M. Jones, 39, DUI (1st), improper lane usage

Victoria Seibert, 33, reckless driving, seat belt violation, DUI, no insurance

Andrew C. Farve, 43, simple assault (domestic)

Ronald Deslatte, 53, disorderly conduct

Timothy M. Lusignan, 47, DUI (1st), careless driving

John V. Valenza, 19, possession of beer by minor, public drunk, reckless driving

Chad Michael Allen, 30, driving with suspended driver's license, no proof insurance

Joseph Jackson, 25, disorderly conduct

Mary G. Sellier, 31, phone harassment, contempt of court (failure to appear)

James L. Woods, 46, contempt of court (failure to appear)

John C. Dorsey, 36, simple possession of marijuana, driving with suspended driver's license, no proof insurance

Marvin J. Beau, 22, expired tag, suspended driver's license

John Legier, 45, DUI, refused test, expired tag, improper equipment, disorderly conduct, no insurance, careless driving

Ralph R. Westbrook, 66, simple assault (domestic), (warrant)

Mark A. Price, 23, sale of controlled substance

Kenneth R. Faye, 46, trespassing

Danny Nunnery, 53, careless driving, suspended driver's license, DUI (1st), switched tag, no proof insurance

Fabian Collins, 25, sale of controlled substance (warrant)

Michael Heasley, 27, contempt of court (warrant)

Walter Guy Goff III, 35, telephone harassment (war-

rant)

Jefferson West, 30, hold for Harrison County Sheriff's Office

Glenda Redler, 45, simple assault (warrant)

Melanie B. Fayard, 30, simple assault (domestic)

Shawn J. Hilton, 31, simple assault

Morris McCall, 51, driving with driver's license suspended, careless driving

Sharon A. Fountain, 39, DUI, refused test

James M. Johnson, 41, suspended driver's license

Gary Church, 51, contempt of court (failure to appear)

Billy Dale Norwood, 66, contempt of court (failure to appear)

Robert Howard Chambers, 46, DUI (3rd), ran stop sign, no seat belt, no insurance, suspended driver's license

Thomas George Wall, 65, DUI (1st), careless driving

Thomas Wayne Farrar, 64, DUI (1st)

Lamont D. Witfield, 22, possession of meth

Christian E. Lampton, 29, speeding, driving with suspended driver's license, no insurance, contempt of court (failure to appear)

Christopher Mason, 32, contempt of court (warrant)

James Howard Dedeaux, 56, DUI, careless driving, no inspection sticker

Pamela Lee Alphonso, 36, contempt of court

Allison A. Breaux, 39, reckless driving, DUI (1st), seat belt violation, no insurance, improper equipment/no tag light, possession while operating

Richard Wayne Lampton, 20, contempt of court (warrant)

Lori Lowe Scott, 38, DUI (1st), refused test, careless driving

Tabatha Cuevas Adam, 22, simple assault, malicious mischief

Richard W. Benton, 25, sale of controlled substance, parole violation

Josh Adam Whitfield, 22, contempt of court

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For more than five decades, the Women of Christ Church have been preparing a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to raise money for their community and worldwide mission outreach.

The Harvest Dinner tradition began when Charles

and Mary Breath, Jr. opened their home to the Women of the Church.

Seven women prepared the traditional dinner. The menu remains just about the same: turkey, ham, dressing, gravy, sweet potato casserole, creamed spinach, cranberry relish, salad, rolls, dessert, and beverage.

This year the Women of the Church are bringing back Effie McCulloch's famous cranberry relish. Effie's daughter, Linda McCulloch and Nannette

Penrose Stroh will work with others in the church community to prepare this special relish.

The dinner will be available for take-out from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. at the kitchen door. Dinner will be served inside Virginia Hall from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. The tickets are \$6. They may be obtained in advance from Women of the Church members or may be purchased at the door.

The dinner is a joint effort of the Women of Christ Church, some of whom are the next genera-

tion to participate; thus keeping up the tradition.

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## DuPont schedules emergency drill

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It's a drill on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21, when firefighters from West Harrison and Diamondhead Fire Departments converge on the DuPont DeLisle plant site.

DuPont and the two fire-fighting units are joining together for a Mutual Aid Resource Drill during which the fire crews will be dispatched to the plant.

The emergency crews will travel without flashing lights and alarms, however, so as not to unduly alarm residents.

Upon arrival at the plant, the crews will join with DuPont's onsite emergency brigade as they engage in a structural firefighting simulation.

"This exercise," said Aldo Morell, plant manager, "will test the readiness and capability of all three of our organizations to join together to deal with an emergency."

"As part of our overall commitment to safety, DuPont DeLisle maintains close ties to emergency and public safety organizations," said Morell. "We are grateful for the continuing support and cooperation of our firefighting and law enforcement agencies."

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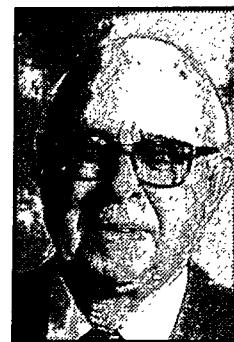
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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

### Beware of one-eyed bandits and litter

It is time again for me to get back on one of my pet complaints, and that is "one-eyed" autos and trucks.

I drive around the area for several weeks and not see a vehicle with only one headlight operating, then all of a sudden I will spot two or three in one night.

Drivers of vehicles need to check and see if all the lights on their vehicles are properly operating.

To me it is a simple task of turning on the lights and walking around the vehicle to make sure they are all properly operating. Be sure to check high and low beams on the headlights, as dims could be out and the brights still operating, or visa versa.

I recently checked with the Sheriff's Department, and there is a state requirement for autos and trucks to have operating headlights on the front and left side of a vehicle.

Headlights operating properly is very important, because if an auto or truck has only one headlight, it is hard at times to know which side of the road it is on, especially on some winding roads.

I realize motorcycles only need one headlight, but those who are required to have two, make sure they both are working.

As many of you know, I have been involved in beautification efforts through the chamber for over 25 years.

Some of you may not believe it, but some progress has been made, while we still have a long way to go.

More and more folks see

the importance of having a litter-free community, and that is good, but we still need to do more.

If everyone would just police the areas in front of their properties, that would be a good start.

Residents and visitors alike, both need to remember not to toss litter from their vehicles.

I still maintain that if there were a strong effort by law enforcement in issuing citations, litter problems would be reduced.

It is just a disgrace to see all of the litter along our streets and highways.

A section could be picked up today, and tomorrow litter would be back.

I guess it is hard to change folks' habits, but through their pocketbook may be a way.

The Diamondhead Business & Professional Associations 2002

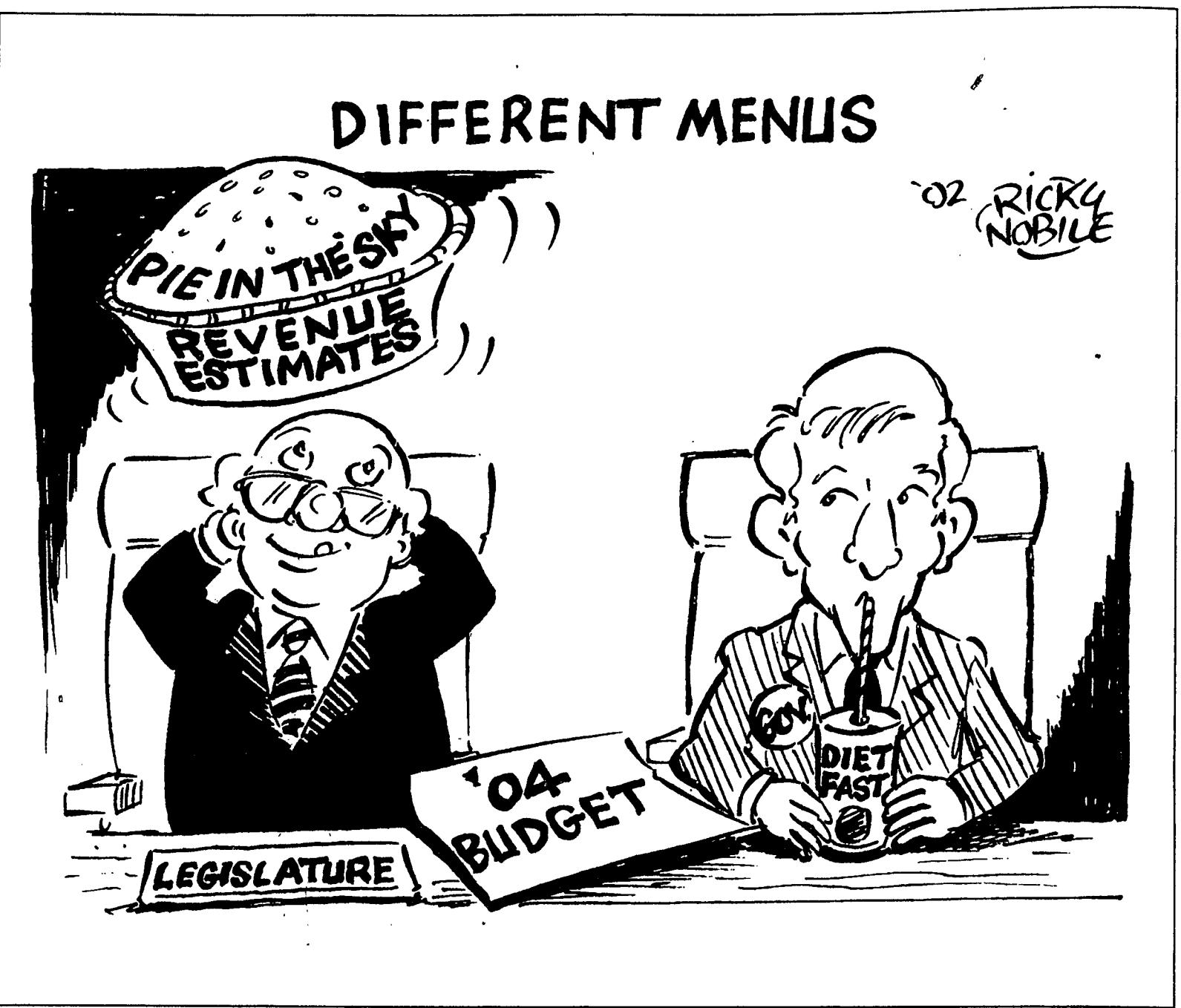
MERCHANTS FAIR IS SET FROM 5 TO 8 P.M. ON THURSDAY EVENING AT THE DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB.

This is always a very big well-attended event, and you may be surprised at the number of Diamondhead merchants who will have displays.

There are usually very good food and refreshments

The Diamondhead Merchants & Professional Association works very hard each year to make this event a big success, and the members need to be commended.

If you have a chance, you may want to stop by and check the event out.



### U.S. House passes final defense bill

As the 107th Congress nears adjournment this week, the U.S. House has passed the final National Defense Authorization Act Conference Report for Fiscal Year 2003.

According to U.S. Rep.

Gene Taylor, a senior member of the House Armed Service Committee, the \$393 billion authorized by the bill is the largest increase in national defense spending since the 1980s. It is the largest defense budget (adjusted for inflation) since Fiscal Year 1990.

Taylor said, "The bill contains funds for important military construction projects and defense spending in Mississippi. This spending will benefit our national defense as well as the economy of South and East Mississippi. Although I'm pleased that the final bill made a start in compensating military retirees who were wounded in combat, received the Purple Heart or were severely disabled in combat related incidents, it does not go far enough. All of our veterans who served 20 years should be compensated for any service related disabilities. I pledge to our veterans that I will continue to work to correct this injustice."

Taylor said the defense bill places a priority on improving homeland defense against terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, provides a 4.1 percent pay increase and improves quality of life issues for military personnel.

It gives the military \$73.7 billion to purchase military weapons and equipment it needs for an extended war against terrorism. The bill also gives the Secretary of Defense the authority to add more than 40,000 soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines to meet increased demands from the war against terrorism.

Taylor added, "I am pleased that out-of-pocket housing costs for military personnel will be reduced. Housing allowances will be increased to cover 92.5 percent of all housing costs."

The final defense bill included an amendment by

Taylor that was in the original House version of the defense authorization. This provision would direct the Secretary of Defense to establish at least one Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team in each state and territory.

The following items for South and East Mississippi were included in the House defense conference report:

#### I. Shipbuilding Procurement

+ LHD-8 - \$243M for continued construction of Amphibious Assault ship (under contract w/ Ingalls)

+ DDG-51 Aegis Class Destroyer - \$2.4B for 2 DDGs. Ingalls will build at least one of these vessels.

+ LPD-17 - \$596.5M for one LPD-17 Amphibious Lift Ship (significant work on these vessels is done at Ingalls)

+ LCAC Service Life Extension Program (SLEP) - \$80 M for four Landing Craft Air Cushioned (LCAC) vessels. Bel Avon of Picayune manufactures an important component of the LCAC.

R&D

+ DD(X) - \$969 M for development of next-generation surface combatant. Earlier this week, the Navy awarded the development contract for the DD(X) to the Ingalls-led "Gold Team."

#### Other

+ Title XI Loan Guarantee Program - \$54.1 million for vessel construction loan guarantee program administered by the U.S.

Maritime Administration. Title XI is an important financing tool that has resulted in commercial shipbuilding contracts for America's shipyards.

#### II. Military Construction Projects in South Mississippi

Keesler AFB

+ Student Dormitory - \$22M for construction of a new student dormitory

+ Family Housing - \$16.5M for construction of 117 family housing units.

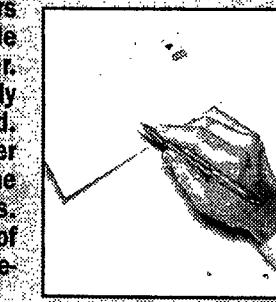
Seabee Base (NCB Gulfport)

+ Improving the

### Letters to the Editor

#### Our letters policy

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Communications/Instructio in Facility - \$5.5M for construction of education and technical training and maintenance facility for Seabee communications.

#### Naval Station

Pascagoula

+ Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) - \$10 M for Phase I construction of new BEQ facility on Singing River Island.

+ New Navy Channel - \$4.2M for construction of a new navigation channel to improve access to installation's pier facility.

#### III. Other Important Items

+ Basic Military Pay - Continuing its commitment to raising military pay, the House Armed Services Committee recommends an across-the-board 4.1 percent pay increase for military personnel. Targeted increases of up to 6.5 percent for mid-grade and senior noncommissioned officers and mid-grade officers.

+ Housing Allowance

- The committee recommends the Administration's request to reduce the average amount of housing expenses paid by service members from the current 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent in fiscal year 2003, and to eliminate the out-of-pocket expense completely by fiscal year 2005.

+ Special Duty Pay

Increases - extends several special pays and bonuses for active duty personnel with critical skills through December 31, 2003.

+ Improving the

Montgomery GI Bill for National Guard and Reserve Personnel - Under current law, members of the selected reserve may use Montgomery GI Bill benefits for as many as ten years after becoming eligible. The committee recommends a provision to extend this period to 14 years. This provision is based upon House legislation co-authored by Rep. Taylor.

+ Reserve Components Benefits Study - Given the increased contributions by reserve forces to the defense of the nation, Rep. Taylor included language directing the Comptroller General of the U.S. to conduct a review of the terms and elements of reserve component compensation and benefit programs, retirement, income protection for reservists called to active duty, family support programs, health care access, and other programs of interest to reservists serving on active duty.

The review will assess the importance of these programs and make recommendations for achieving needed improvements in them. The review will include a comparison of these programs to programs conducted for the benefit of active duty forces to determine if the reserve programs are fair and equitable.

Additionally, the review will examine the differences in benefits and protections provided to reservists who are called up under state or federal authorities.

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## Book club makes gift



Members of the Second Friday Book Club recently presented a check to Sandra Ladner, Kilm Public Library branch manager, for a brick on the Path to the Kilm Library. The Path to the Kilm Library is located on the side entrance of the library. The Second Friday Book Club, cosponsored by Gloria Burlette and the Kilm Library, meets the second Friday of each month. Pictured are Vira Harvey, left, Barbara Allerman, Gloria Burlette, Sandra Ladner, Clotilde Thornton and Pat Blen.

## Law enforcement program targets alcohol use by minors

THE SEA COAST ECHO

Agents from Mississippi's Alcoholic Beverage Control will soon be conducting "Cops-In-Shops" programs in Mississippi communities, a cooperative effort between alcohol retailers and law enforcement to reduce underage drinking.

ABC Enforcement Agents will pose as customers or employees in local businesses. They will identify and arrest underage persons attempting to purchase alcoholic beverages or adults supplying alcohol to young people in violation of state laws.

"The program is part of the ABC's multi-faceted strategy to address underage drinking," said David Wilson, ABC's director of enforcement.

"Cops-In-Shops" holds youngsters accountable for their actions. It complements our efforts to identify and penalize problem stores that sell alcohol to kids, educate retailers regarding state law and their legal duty to avoid such sales, and deter the use of false identification."

ABC Agents are recruiting area alcohol retailers as

partners in this effort. Cooperating businesses are posting large orange signs reading "Under 21 Warning, Police Officer May Be Posing As An Employee" near their entrance. "If you're underage and want to purchase alcohol, stay away."

"This is both an educational and law enforcement effort" according to Wilson. "Our office wants to get the message out to all our communities underage drinking is not a harmless right-of-passage. It can be deadly and is a serious public health problem facing our state's youth."

Health and safety statistics substantiate this claim.

The three leading causes of death for 15- to 24-year-olds are automobile crashes, homicides and suicides — alcohol is a leading factor in all three.

It also poses serious developmental problems. According to Scott Swartzwelder, a clinical professor at Duke University and expert on youth development issues: "We know that alcohol consumption can impact learning and memory in the ad-

olescent brain. The dangers and long-term consequences of alcohol use among teens are not fully understood."

The human toll of under-

age drinking is also costly.

Underage drinking costs the United States more than \$38 billion every year, and that does not include the \$18.3 billion annual cost of alcohol-related traffic crashes.

Young persons convicted of illegally purchasing or possessing alcoholic beverages or beer are subject to enhanced sanctions for their conduct, thanks to changes enacted Mississippi's 2002 Legislature.

Underage persons using fake identification or lying about their true age to obtain alcohol face a fine of \$200-\$500 and up to 30 days community service.

Any person under 21 found illegally to possess alcohol may be fined \$200 to \$500. As an alternative, the trial judge can suspend the minor's driver's license for up to 90 days.

Adults supplying alcohol to minors are also subject to arrest and criminal penalties.

## Arena to host memorial barrel race

THE SEA COAST ECHO

The Hancock Livestock and Equine Arena will host the first annual Dr. Michael Lee Memorial Barrel Racing event on Saturday, Nov. 23. For more information, please call Debbie Martin at 255-1514 or Rhonda Halterlein at 255-4712.

Other upcoming events at the arena include a bene-

fit horse show for Frankie Joseph Ladner Jr. on Nov. 30. For more information, call John Ladner at 255-9431.

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## Democratic Executive Committee meets Mon.

The Hancock County Democratic Executive Committee will conduct its monthly business meeting Monday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., at the Bay St. Louis Library.

Members and guests are invited to attend.

For information, contact Committee Chairman Betty Tolar at 228-467-0350.



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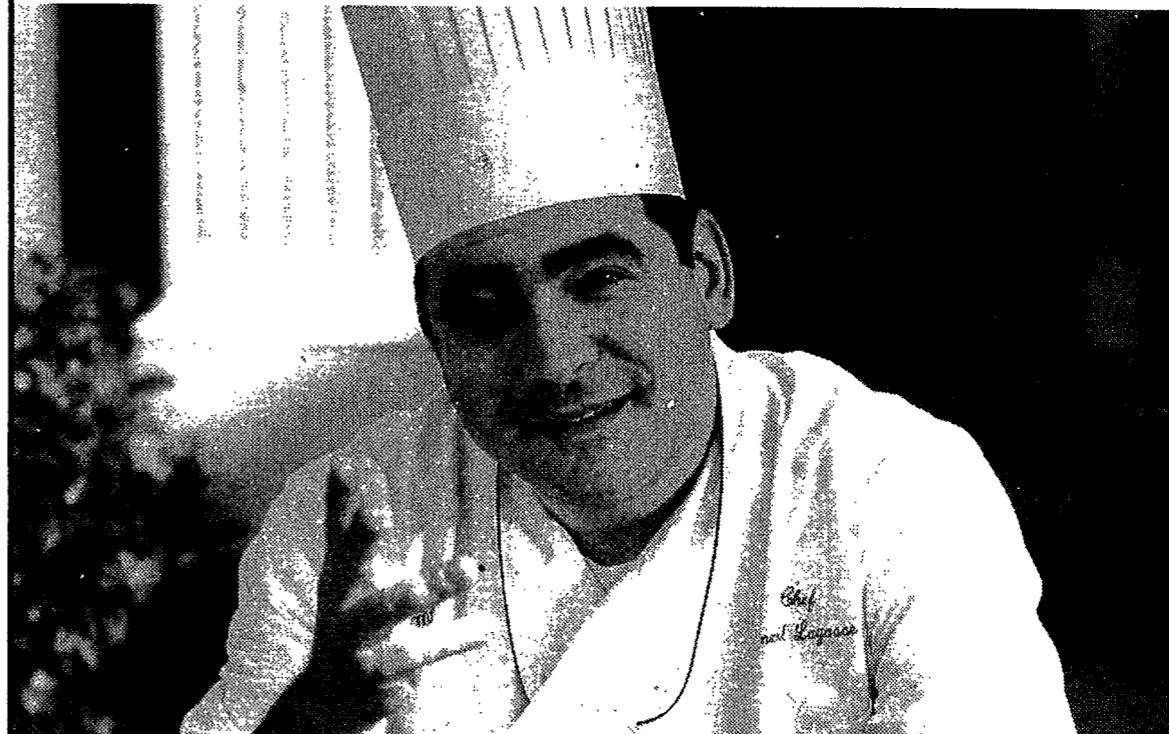
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- Attend Southern Regional Wastewater meetings to protect citizens from unnecessary utility rate increases
- Reinstate workshops to increase communication between the aldermen and the mayor
- Attend monthly Hancock County Supervisors meetings to keep up with county issues and how they affect the residents of Waveland
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# Clark: New law will help Mississippi military personnel vote back home

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Secretary of State Eric Clark said recently that the new federal law to improve the country's elections doesn't just mean new voting machines and help cleaning up the voter rolls.

The law, signed in October by President George W. Bush, also makes it easier for American military personnel to vote back home.

"We've worked for a number of years to make sure Mississippians serving their country overseas have their right to vote protected," Clark said.

"The new federal law strengthens and complements the state law which our Legislature passed two years ago."

More than 60,000 Mississippians may be living out of the country at election time, Clark said, mostly military personnel and their families as well as other state citizens living overseas.

"The men and women of our armed forces are protecting the basic rights of our country's democracy around the world," Clark

said. "We will do everything possible to see they can freely and easily exercise that right back home."

The most important change prompted by the law is that the Secretary of State's Office becomes the single point of contact for overseas absentee voters.

Previously, each of the state's 82 counties separately handled such requests, which has sometimes led to confusion about how service personnel could obtain absentee ballots in a timely manner.

Counties will still be responsible for preparing ballots for each voter's correct precinct.

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## Hancock County, March of Dimes team up for WalkAmerica 2002 to help save babies

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Citizens across Hancock County came together in an effort to further the March of Dimes mission to improve the health of babies.

The event, sponsored by Alcan Cable and Casino Magic Bay St. Louis, took place Saturday in Bay St. Louis near the American Legion Pier.

It turned out to be a wonderful day with participants raising over \$14,000. Walkers got rained on, but did not mind due to the beautiful rainbows to the east as they returned to the finish point. The opening ceremony began with the American Legion Post 139 and VFW Post 3253 Color Guard conducting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jenny Seymour, mother of Jill Seymour, Hancock County WalkAmerica 2002 Ambassador Child, spoke of the import strides the March of Dimes has made throughout its 60-plus year history like helping to develop neonatal intensive care units.

"Jill was born prematurely at Ochsner Foundation

Hospital. Fortunately with the technology available she is a healthy 3-year-old child."

The three-mile walk went down the beach on the boardwalk toward Waveland and back.

Festivities following included the Bay St. Louis Fire Safety House, NASA John C. Stennis Space Center's 14-foot astronaut, dance routines by Bayhi School of Dance, and an awards ceremony.

Kay Daneault, Coast division director of the March of Dimes, thanked everyone for their hard work and stated, "Think of the dollars we raise not as dollars, but as the difference that our actions will make in the lives of babies for generations to come."

The following awards were given:

First place youth: Craig Coogan of Bay High School

Second place youth: Sara Minear of Bay High School

First place adult: James Browning of Alcan Cable

Second place adult: Beckey Ortiz of Coast Electric Power Association

First place team: Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

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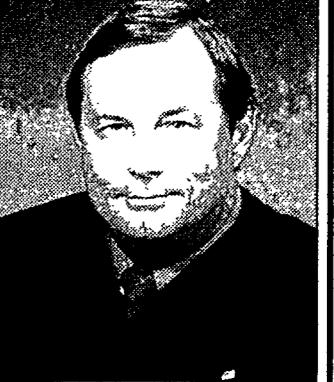
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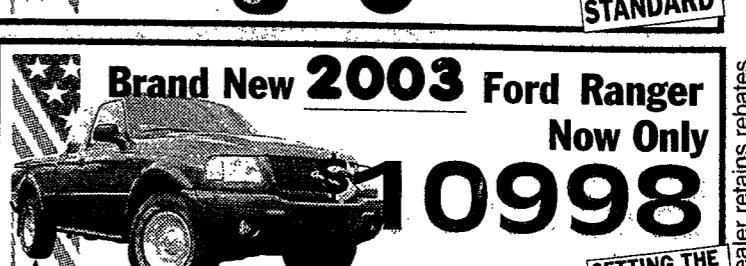
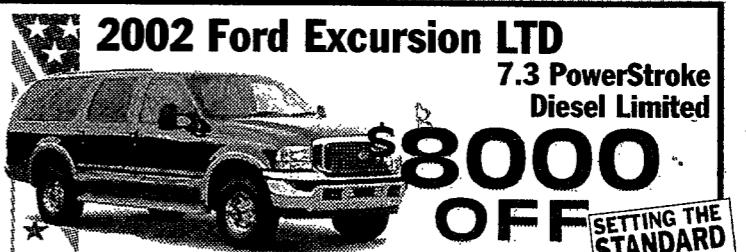
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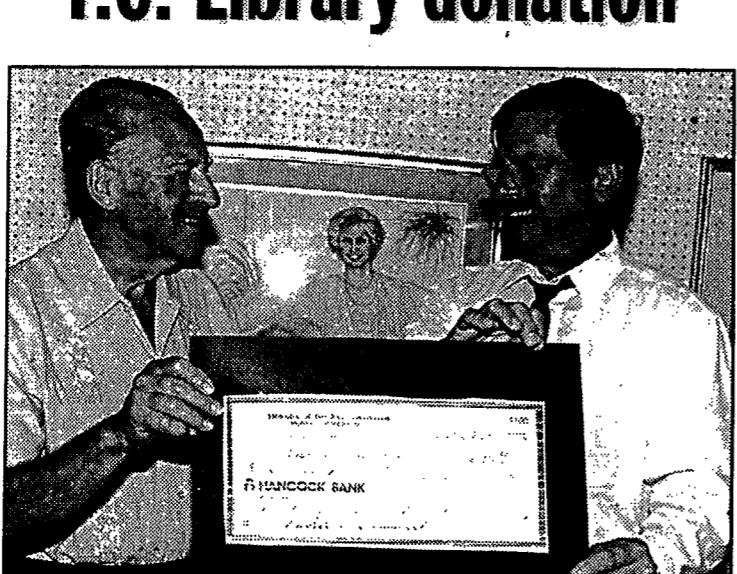
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## Election -- Waveland, Persons vs. Teel

change for the better."

He is an employee of the Madison Company at John C. Stennis Space Center.

He attended the former Valena C. Jones High School, Rock Island Technical School in Rock Island, Ill., and Pearl River Vocational Technical School.

Schmitt said in a recent statement that "Being a resident of Ward 3 for such a long time has given me intimate knowledge of the ward's problems and concerns, which include drainage and street repair."

Schmitt said he hopes to utilize Tideland Funds to

further develop the Garfield Ladner Memorial pier and the Coleman Avenue beach area; and that he believes Waveland should seek federal dollars with the least amount of matching city funds for major projects.

"In order to keep moving forward we must continue to strive for progress within Ward 4," Piazza said in a statement released before the primary. "I have considered it an honor to have served the citizens of Ward 4 and when re-elected I will look forward to continuing my dedication and progress for our community."

Piazza is a graduate of St. Stanislaus High School and Pearl River Community College and is employed by Bollinger Shipyards in Gretna. As an alderman, he is overseen the paving of 18 streets and upgrading to larger water lines south of the railroad tracks and the improvement of major drainage ways, eliminating street flooding.

Saucier said recently that "Being a life-long resident of Ward 4 makes me very proud of my community, state and country. The pride that I have for my community compels me to

seek the alderman's seat. If elected I would work hard for our Ward 4 citizens and feel like I could communicate well with the citizens and children of Ward 4 and with city hall."

Saucier is a graduate of Bay High School and Delgado College and said he plans to work towards drainage improvements; hopes to get streets repaired and cleaned; intends to make improvements to playgrounds and recreational facilities for the children of Waveland; and wants to establish an open door policy for communication.

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## Courthouse -- pesticide

Nye's findings is presented at the next meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Kellar said, where he expects Nye to make recommendations on any precautions that workers may need to take to complete work in the affected area.

The problem was discovered when some plumbers working with GM&R Construction became ill and reported the incident to the

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). OSHA director for the Jackson area Clyde Payne reported that the health problems were caused by a large concentration of the pesticide in the work area.

Some county office workers also complained of headache and respiratory problems, though the complaints have not been linked

to the problem chemical. Chlordane was in common use as a pesticide from 1948 to 1988. In 1983 concern for the environment and human health led the Environmental Protection Agency to ban the chemical for all uses except to control termites. In 1988 the EPA banned all uses of the chemical.

Chlordane affects the nervous system, the diges-

tive system, and the liver. It can cause headaches, irritability, confusion, weakness, vision problems, vomiting, stomach cramps, diarrhea, and jaundice if breathed in high concentrations, or accidentally swallowed in small amounts. If large amounts are swallowed it can cause convulsions and death.

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## Space -- astronaut shares

a video and slide show.

Altman served as mission commander during the fourth servicing mission to the telescope where his crew successfully upgraded the HST.

His other space flight experience includes a 16-

day orbit around Earth in 1998 and a 12-day mission to prepare the International Space Station for the arrival of the first permanent crew in 2000.

"Stennis Space Center employees were extremely pleased to host astronaut

Scott Altman's visit here," said NASA's Shamim Rahman, manager of the engineering division propulsion test directorate. "We are very grateful to have such a capable, articulate and compassionate yet down-to-earth person repre-

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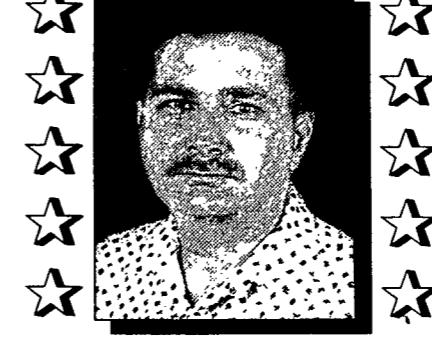
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## Obituaries

**DEBORAH J. BAKER**  
**ANTOINE BIGGS**  
**RICHARD L. COMEAU**  
**CATHERINE GRIFFON**  
**ANNIE HINTON**  
**JANICE BURTON-PIERNAS**  
**DANIEL SWANIER**

**DEBORAH J. BAKER**  
 Deborah J. Baker, 49, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Baker was a native of Kenosha, Wisc.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Olga Jean Lizana; and a grandson, Christopher Brignac.

Survivors include her husband, Carlton Baker of Pass Christian; a son, Johnathan Baker of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Christina Johnson of Pass Christian and Stephene Kolb of Russellville, Ark.; father, William E. Roberts of Jackson; three brothers: Micheal Roberts of Thompson Station, Tenn.; William Roberts, of Blue Springs and Steven Roberts of Long Beach; two sisters, Vicki Worley of Jackson and Tina Potts of Nashville, Tenn.; and eight grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Services were conducted Saturday in the funeral home chapel with burial in Allen Cemetery in Long Beach.

**ANTOINE BIGGS**

Antoine "Saboo" Biggs, 70, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Biggs was a native of Pass Christian and was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Pass Christian. He was a self-employed contractor for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Antoine and Clozine Saucier Biggs; a son; four brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Biggs of Pass Christian; five sons, Anthony Biggs of Woodbridge, Va., Steven Biggs of Gulfport, Antoine Biggs, Purcell Biggs, Charlie Biggs, all of Pass Christian; seven daughters, Patricia Nelson of Waveland, Jacqueline Wilson of Temple, Texas, Lillie McMillian, Erica Cook, Crystal Lathan, Anissa M. Biggs and Linda Green; two brothers, Stephen Biggs and Arthur Meunier; two sisters, Mary

Robinson and Ruth Fields, all of Pass Christian; and 24 grandchildren.

Visitation was Saturday at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Pass Christian followed by services at the church and burial in St. Paul Cemetery in Pass Christian.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

**RICHARD L. COMEAU**

Richard L. Comeau, 67, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2002, in Gulfport.

He was a native of Rochester, NY and attended Boston University and later graduated from Brockport University. Mr. Comeau taught school for over 30 years in Florida and New York. He was a member of the American Teacher's Association, Pineville Presbyterian Church and was an avid traveler.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leander Comeau.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Comeau, Pass Christian; 1 son, Kevin Comeau, Batavia, NY; 3 daughters, Anne O'Brien, Staten Island, NY, Vickie Comeau, Leroy, NY, and Heidi Landry, Erdorf, Germany; mother, Keva Comeau, Webster, NY; 3 grandchildren, Devin Landry, Courtney O'Brien & Caitlin O'Brien.

The funeral service was conducted Saturday at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian. Interment was in Live Oak Cemetery in Gulfport.

**CATHERINE GRIFFON**  
 Catherine Chadwick Griffon, of Gulfport, born January 23, 1921, in Waveland, died Wednesday, November 13, 2002, in Gulfport.

Daughter of the late Daniel McCall Chadwick and Evelyn Herlihy Chadwick, she grew up in Waveland and later graduated from Loyola University with a degree in pharmacy. She and her husband, H. Warren Griffon, owned and operated Griffon's Pharmacy in Pass Christian from May 1946 until her retirement in 1991.

She was active in the Mississippi Pharmaceutical Association. Mrs. Griffon was a member of St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian, where she was a member of the Altar Society. She was a member of the Pass Christian Garden Club and the Gulf Coast

Symphony Guild and a patron sponsor of Coast Performing Arts.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sister, Amelita Price of Waveland.

Mrs. Griffon is survived by her husband of 60 years, H. Warren Griffon of Pass Christian; three sons, Michael G. Griffon of Theodore, AL; Daniel C. Griffon of Virginia Beach, VA; Hugh W. Griffon Jr. of Casa Grande, AZ; seven daughters, Dianne Quigley of San Antonio, TX, Marsha Manuel and Mary Townsend, both of Jackson, MS, Catherine A. Griffon of Pass Christian, Therese Breeland of Gulfport, Margaret Griffon and Susan Griffon, both of Baton Rouge, LA; one sister, Louise Lynch of Waveland; 26 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at St. Paul Catholic Church in Pass Christian followed by celebration of a Funeral Mass. Burial was in St. Paul Cemetery.

The family has requests that memorials be made to either St. Vincent de Paul Society or St. Paul Catholic School, care of St. Paul Catholic Church, 140 East Beach Boulevard, Pass Christian, MS 39571.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**ANNIE HINTON**

Annie Louise Coleman Hinton, 77, of Poplarville, died Thursday, Nov. 14, 2002, in Poplarville.

Mrs. Hinton was a member of Triumph Baptist Church, where she served as secretary of the Mother Board and secretary of Mission No. 2.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wesley Hinton; two sons, Willie Wesley and Stanley Bernard Hinton; and her parents, Willie and Lula Coleman.

Survivors include sons Alvin Wesley Hinton of Shreveport and Patrick Kevin Hinton of Poplarville; daughters Annie Sherie Henry of Alexandria, VA, and Deandrea Graham of Poplarville; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Visitation will be Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at Triumph Baptist Church.

Services were conducted Tuesday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle. Burial was in St. Stephen Cemetery in DeLisle.

Lockett Williams Mortuary in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

**JANICE BURTON-PIERNAS**  
 Janice H. Burton

Pieras, 54, of Lake Charles, La., died Saturday, Nov. 9, 2002, in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Burton-Pieras was a native of Gulfport and a resident of Lake Charles. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Lake Charles.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Cornelius and Leona Webb Burton, and two brothers, Fred John Burton and Fabian Glen Burton.

Survivors include a son, Jules George Pieras IV; a daughter, Katrina Nicol Pieras, both of Lake Charles; three brothers, Wilson Burton and Aaron Burton, both of Waveland, and Anthony Burton of Long Beach; three sisters, Mary Collins of Pass Christian, Melvina Yelder of Aberdeen, Md., and Carmen Jackson of Atlanta; and a grandson.

Visitation was Friday at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church in Pass Christian followed by services at the church and burial in Baptist Cemetery in Pass Christian.

J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

**DANIEL SWANIER**

Daniel Rene Swanier, 38, of DeLisle, died Sunday, Nov. 10, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Swanier was a native and lifelong resident of DeLisle. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle and attended Pass Christian High School. He was employed as a truck driver.

Survivors include his father, Daniel J. Swanier; mother, Dorothy L. Swanier, both of DeLisle; a daughter, Ashya M. Swanier of Gulfport; a son, Reginald R. Norman of Pass Christian; seven sisters, Robin D. Swanier of DeLisle, Nyackee L. Swanier of Nashville, Tenn., Devon A. Swanier of DeLisle, Ashley R. Swanier and Marqueta Swanier, both of Gulfport, Rachel Dedeaux of Pass Christian and Angela Hall of Chicago; and a brother, Vincent Ricky Swanier of Bremerton, Wash.

Services were conducted Thursday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle. Burial was in St. Stephen Cemetery in DeLisle.

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A record number of businesses, organizations and schools have registered for the Hancock County Library System's 2002 Holiday Tree Gala.

The event is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

"The response this year has been wonderful," said David Woodburn, Hancock County Library System assistant director.

### Fall Festival at Diamondhead

Family Academy, 88360 Diamondhead Drive East in Diamondhead will have its 2002 Fall Festival Saturday, Nov. 23, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Breakfast with the supervisors

On Wednesday, November 20 the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce will host a breakfast with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors in the Waveland Holiday Inn at 7:30 a.m. Call the Chamber for reservations at 467-9048. The cost is \$10 per person.

### Calling all Artists & Friends of the Arts

All interested citizens are invited to attend a meeting to discuss the need to establish an Arts Council for Hancock County.

The meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The proposed council would include all visual artists, performing artists, writers and artisans throughout Hancock County. Already organizers are working together with volunteers and staff from the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau, the Library Foundation of Hancock County, the City of Bay St. Louis and City of Waveland to determine the need for the establishment of an Arts Council.

The purpose of the organization would be to establish a clearinghouse for all arts-related information; serve as a resource for artists, schools and the community; and to create an economic tool to attract visitors, additional artists and arts related businesses to the Hancock County area.

For more information, contact, Gwen Impson at 467-1007 or the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce at 467-9048.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, Nov. 21: Business After Hours at Clay Creations on Main Street in Bay St. Louis from 5-7p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 21: Diamondhead Merchants Fair from 5-8 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

## Hancock Holding declares dividends

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ: HBHC), has announced that the company's board of directors approved a regular fourth quarter 2002 common stock cash dividend of \$0.20 per share. This common stock cash dividend reflects the adjustment resulting from the company's recent three-for-two stock split paid August 5, 2002. Additionally, the board approved a Hancock convertible preferred stock cash dividend of \$0.40 per preferred share.

The regular quarterly common stock cash dividend is payable December 16, 2002, to shareholders of record as of December 5, 2002. The quarterly preferred stock cash dividend is payable December 31, 2002, to Hancock Holding Company convertible preferred stock shareholders of record as of December 20, 2002.

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### Grand opening

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## Jazzland to be transformed into Six Flags New Orleans

Six Flags, Inc., the world's largest regional theme park company and operator of Jazzland Theme Park, has announced a new name, new rides, new theming, and a renewed commitment to bringing world-class family entertainment to the region.

Construction has already begun on the newly named Six Flags New Orleans, which will feature nearly \$20 million in capital improvements, including two new roller coasters, for the 2003 season.

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The transformed Six Flags New Orleans theme park will feature two new roller coasters including Batman: The Ride, a sleek and powerful suspended, looping roller coaster based on the legendary and courageous DC Comics super hero, Batman.

An all-new coaster featuring three wicked inversions and more than 1,900 feet of track will open in the park's Mardi Gras themed area.

Batman: The Ride, created by the renowned roller coaster designers at Bolliger & Mabillard, will take guests on a soaring journey 105 feet in the air, cruising along 2,700 feet of twisted steel track at speeds of up to 50 mph.

Riders will be comfortably seated in ski lift style chairs, suspended from the track above, as they fly through hairpin turns, two vertical loops, two corkscrews, and a one-of-a-

kind zero gravity heart line spin with nothing but air beneath their dangling feet.

The Batman themed coaster will reside in the DC Comics, Super Heroes themed area, a completely new area of the park located adjacent to Cajun Country.

The area, anchored by Batman: The Ride, will feature extensive super hero theming, additional thrill rides, retail venues offering popular DC Comics branded souvenirs and refreshment outlets.

And, there's a new section just for the little ones. Junior thrill seekers can look forward to interacting with their favorite Looney Tunes characters in the transformed children's area, Looney Tunes Land. Bugs Bunny, Tweety,

Sylvester and all their lovable pals will be on hand daily to greet kids and perform in their own special show.

Six Flags New Orleans' 2003 entertainment line-up will be headlined by an action-packed Batman themed water stunt show.

Batman and his archrivals will have audience members on the edge of their seats as they splash and track down Gotham City's evil villains on the wet set of this Hollywood-style action stunt show.

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# SPORTS

## Hawks win 63rd Shrimp Bowl

BY DWAYNE BREMER

Contributing Writer

After a hard fought, emotional season of high school football, the 2002 Hancock Hawks will go out as winners. The Hawks finished their season with a 7-5 record defeating the East Central Hornets 8-0 in the 63rd annual Shrimp Bowl Classic played in Biloxi Friday night.

"This is really a good feeling to go out like this. I'm happy for our kids that all of their hard work has paid off this year," said Hawks head Coach Rocky Gaudin.

The game was the first bowl game victory for the Hawks since they won the Wyndell Ladner Bowl in the late 70's. "I guess I'm just a dinosaur, but I feel the playoffs take away from the purity of the game in a way. Yeah, I wish we could have made the playoffs this year, and that was our goal, but I like the old time bowl games, where teams and players know it's the last game, and they get a trophy or two after the game," Gaudin said.

This year the Hawks will display the Shrimp Bowl Trophy in their case, thanks an outstanding effort from the Hawks defense known as "The Nasty Bunch". The Hawks only gave up four first downs to the Hornets, and 66 total yards in the game. The Hancock defense continued it's excellent work, as they only allowed 19 points in their final four games.

Quarterback Brandon Necaise took home the game MVP trophy. The Senior signal caller was 7-17 for 171 yards passing, and Necaise also picked up two first downs on 11 yards rushing.

"I've had a great time playing here, I thank coach Gaudin for trusting me when I was a freshman and giving me a chance. I've had some great coaches and teammates," Necaise said.

The offensive back trophy went to senior Ricky Underwood, who led the Hawks in rushing for the game, and caught a 29-yard touchdown pass. Senior Allen Pace took home the trophy for best offensive lineman. Pace, a three year starter was the last remaining member of the original "Trenchdiggers", a Hawks

offensive line tradition.

The Hawks and Hornets battled for field position in for most of the first half. There were five punts in the first seven possessions, as the two teams felt each other out.

The Hawks put together a nice drive late in the first quarter. Starting from their own six, Necaise hit Ervin Jackson on a 24-yard screen pass for a first down.

Jackson ran for nine yards, and Necaise followed with a nine yard run. Two plays later, Necaise connected with Myron Fairley for a 19-yard completion, giving the Hawks a first down at the 29. The Hancock drive sputtered, but a nice punt by Necaise pinned the Hornets at their own five.

The Hawks took advantage of the field position, as they took over late in the first half at the Hornets 29, after a five yard Hornet punt.

Necaise found the end-zone, as he rolled right and floated a pass that Underwood hauled in for a 29-yard touchdown. On the point after, the kicker Chris Jones was ran into so the Hawks took the penalty, and went for two. Jackson ran in the try, and with just :54 seconds to play in the half the Hawks led 8-0.

The second half was much like the first, as the Hawks defense kept the Hornets at bay. The Hornets did not pickup a first down in the second half.

The Hawks got a scare midway through the third quarter, as Necaise was intercepted by Charles Fairley at the 35. Fairley returned the ball for a touchdown, but a clipping call took away the score, and gave the Hornets the ball at the 24.

The Hornets tried to punch it in, but the Hawks defense was too tough. Justin Garner was stopped by Steven Guidos for no gain, and Garner was tackled by David Brown for a loss of 2. On third down, pressure from Donald Hains forced a bad throw by Adam McQueen, and Underwood picked off the pass for the Hawks, at the 15.

The Hawks offense was forced to punt, and the Hornets took over at the 44 with 1:38 to play in the third.

Garner was stopped for no gain by Robert Domke and Eddie Bledsoe, and Jonathan Lacoste made a nice stop on second down. On third down, McQueen went deep, but Bledsoe knocked the ball away, and the Hornets had to punt.

The Hornets would get one more good chance, as they took over at their own 36 with 6:11 to play.

McQueen hit Joseph Taylor for a pass, but Matt Rayborn and Charles Bolden stopped the play for a five yards loss.

After a 13-yard scramble by McQueen the Hornets were faced with a fourth and three. Taylor got the call, but Hains and Rayborn stood up the back for only one yard, the Hawks took over with 4:57 to play.

Hancock pounded out a first down behind Jackson and Underwood, and a ruffling the punter call gave the Hawks another first down. The Hawks would run out the clock, and celebrated their victory.

"It was a tough game, East Central has a good team, and it was a struggle. These kids were a big reason why I came back to coaching. I'm going to miss my seniors, they have given a lot to this program, and I'm thankful to each one of them," Gaudin said.

The defensive lineman trophy went to Donald Hains who tallied six tackles, and the defensive backs trophy went to Robert Domke who had seven tackles, including three for losses.

The Hawks will lose ten seniors this year. Necaise was a four-year starter who holds the school records in games started at quarterback, pass attempts, passing yards, touchdown passes, and games won at quarterback with a 28-14 record. Jackson led the Hawks in rushing and scoring for the 2001, and 2002 seasons. Underwood was outstanding on offense and defense, and was one of the vocal leaders of the team. "It's a good feeling to go out a winner, I have a lot of pride in my teammates and coaches, I'm going to miss playing at Hancock," Underwood said.

Darren Elliot will be remembered as an excellent linebacker who tallied over 150 tackles in his career. Chris Jones was a two year started at kicker, his kick against Picayune was the winning point this year, and his extra point against Brandon allowed the Hawks a four point lead which proved pivotal in the victory. Steven Guidos and Nick Hume were three years players who anchored the defensive line this year. Hume started all season on defensive, and Guidos played two seasons on the offensive line before joining the defense. Pace, a three-year starter at Center and guard was the leader of the offensive line. Peter Trosciar was a two-year player on the offensive line. Nick Narvarez contributed on special teams, making big plays that often go unnoticed.

The Hawks will lose a good bit of talent, but for the most part they should be strong going into next year. The Hawks defense will return seven starters, and Jarrod Barrios and Jonathan Lacoste who both saw plenty of playing time will start next year. On offense the Hawks return seven also. The Hawks will have four of the offensive line return, as well as both starting receivers.

"We have been looking at it, and it does not look to bad for next year. We will begin lifting and working out, and hopefully we can have a good spring. I hope to put ninth grade football back in for next year, we need to try to get a little more depth. Overall I'm

optimistic about the future here," Gaudin said.

The Hawks have now completed two seasons in class 5A football with seven wins in the first two. See everyone next year!

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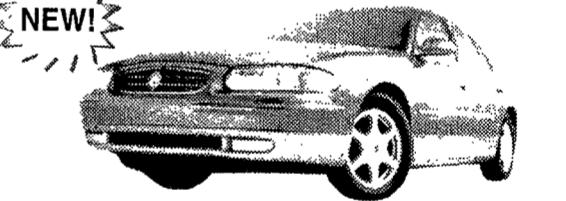
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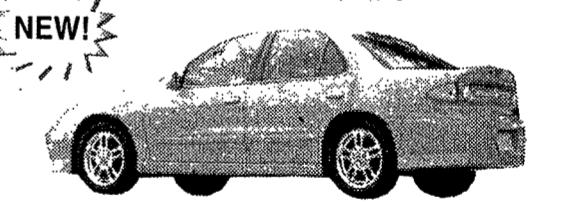
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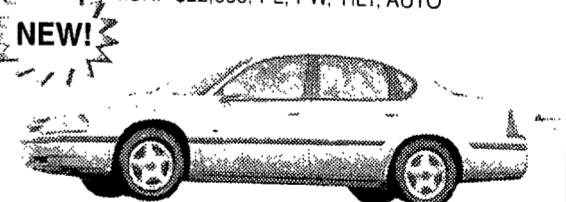
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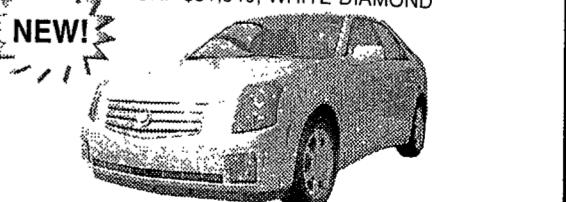
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## OLA wins in soccer

Our Lady Academy shutout the Lady Indians Wednesday night in Biloxi, 5-0. Kara Harshbarger scored two goals and had two assists for the Crescents. Rachel Cranford, Ellie Dauterive and Margaret Hadden had one goal each as OLA won its opening game in high school soccer. Cranford, Laura Ellis and Julie Reboul had assists for the Crescents. Annie Guardino earned the shutout in goal.

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### Necaise signs

Hancock High Senior Devin Necaise was awarded a full four year academic and athletic scholarship to the University of Memphis. Pictured with her are parents Pat and Paulette, sister Daniel and coaches Pam Slayton, Greta Ainsworth and Michael Ladner in the Hancock gym Wednesday. (Staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter)

## Necaise signs with Memphis

University of Memphis women's basketball coach Joye Lee-McNelis has announced the signing of Devin Necaise to National Letter of Intent for the 2003-04 season.

"We are extremely excited about this recruiting class," said McNelis.

A 5-8 guard from Kiln, Necaise is considered one of the top 12 high school players in Mississippi.

As a junior, Necaise helped Hancock High School to the state tournament with an average of 14.6 points per game and

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### results

By Mary Postier

October winners for the Diamondhead Nines golf events were:

#### Oct. 1, Trophy Day

First Flight: Donna Hanna (low gross) - Clare Chauffe (low net) - Sue Campbell (low putts).

Second Flight: Pearl Roberson (low gross) - Emmy Swink (low net) - Virginia Schmitt (low putts).

Third Flight: Mary Postier (low gross) - Margaret Joly (low net) - Rose Hill (low putts).

Oct. 8, the Diamondhead Nines and their guests enjoyed the annual Invitational and Luncheon with a "South of the Border" theme this year.

Golf was a four-person scramble, and the winners were:

First Place: Pearl Roberson, Bobbie Sorgenfrei, Dianna Johnson and Dolores Louvier.

Second Place: Clare Chauffe, Dru Sweetman, Virginia Schmitt and Jackie Schimmel (guest).

Third Place: Marge Dieball, Pat Morgan, Jo Shaw (guest) and Betty Reddock.

Fourth Place: Dianne Ackerman, Betty Krieger, Sue Michall (guest) and Mary Postier.

Longest Drive: Pearl Roberson (member) and Pat McClellan (guest).

Closes to Pin: Carol Perry (member) and Pat McClellan (guest). A Mexican luncheon was enjoyed by the ladies after golf. Thanks to all who worked to make the event so nice. A special thanks to the husbands who volunteered their help.

Oct. 15 - Golf canceled due to rain.

Oct. 22, Best Ball 2 Person Scramble

Winners were:

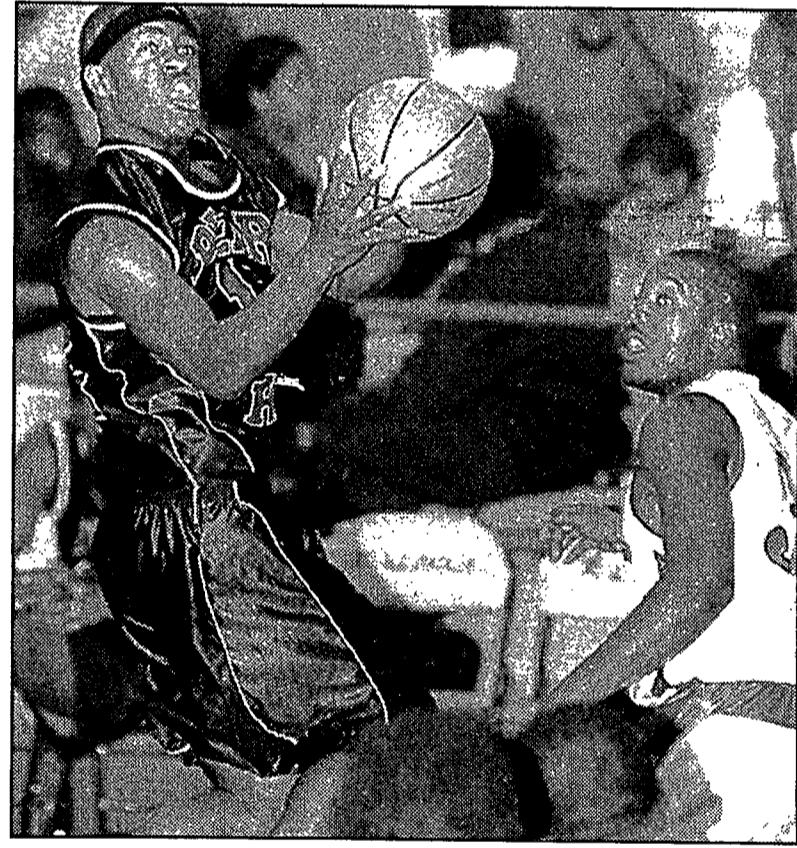
1st Place - Jeanette Sullivan and Liz Bertucci.

2nd Place - Jo Shaw (guest) and Betty Reddock.

3rd Place - Sue Stevens and Dianna Johnson.

4th Pace - Sue Campbell and Mary Postier. Chip in was made by Dolores Louvier.

Oct. 29, Golf canceled due to rain again.



### Career high

Pearl River Community College guard Yandell Brown (12) poured in a career and game-high 42 points in Wednesday's 90-77 victory over host Faulkner State in the Suntrust Tip Off Tournament in Bay Minette, Ala. The Wildcats trailed 45-39 at the intermission, but blew out the Sun Chiefs 51-32 in the second half to take the 13-point victory and remain unbeaten at 5-0. — PRCC sports information photo by Mitch Deaver

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## Lady Tigers off to blazing start

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Staff Writer

The Bay High Tigers and the Poplarville split a pair of games at the Wilmer Seymour Gymnasium in Bay St. Louis on Friday, November 15. The 5th ranked Lady Tigers tangled with the 15th ranked Lady Hornets in the first game. The Lady Tigers employed some aggressive defense as they spanked Poplarville 78-47. In the boys game, it was a much harder fought battle. The Hornets outlasted the Tigers 77-69 in the waning seconds.

The Lady Tigers built a 49-13 lead at the break before the Lady Hornets closed the gap late in the second half.

Sara Gilmore put some punctuation on the lead for Bay High at the end of the third quarter by sinking a trey with :22 left in the period.

The Lady Tigers (3-0) were led by Kendra Reed's 24 points. Carmen Labat added 18 points, six assists and four steals. Smith led the Lady Hornets with 21 points followed by Cicely Tatum with 10 points.

Bay High Lady Tiger head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "We played a real good game against a possible playoff opponent in Poplarville. We did a very solid job on defense and established control of the game early."

The Lady Tigers will take on the Gulfport Lady Admirals on Tuesday, November 19 at home.

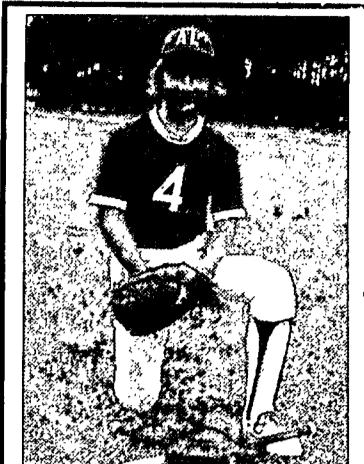
The Tigers took a 20-17 lead after the first period. The Hornets jumped on the Tigers in the second period and outscored them 27-13 to give them a halftime lead of 42-33.

The Tigers will participate in the Poplarville tournament next Thursday through Saturday. When they play will be determined by the outcome of the Oak Grove Warriors in the football playoffs.

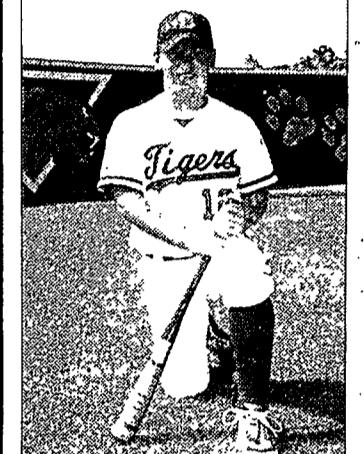
The Tigers (0-3) were led by Lorenzo Lewis' 16 points. Marques Singleton added 12 points while Eric Lymuel and Cory Todd each scored 11 points.

On Thursday, November 14, the top ranked Hancock Lady Hawks tallied their first win of the season over the St. Martin Lady Yellow Jackets 71-22. On Tuesday, November 12, the 12th ranked St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws (2-0) dismantled the St. John Eagles 70-44. The Rocks built a 37-19 halftime lead before allowing the bench to play in the second half.

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Thomas Shields

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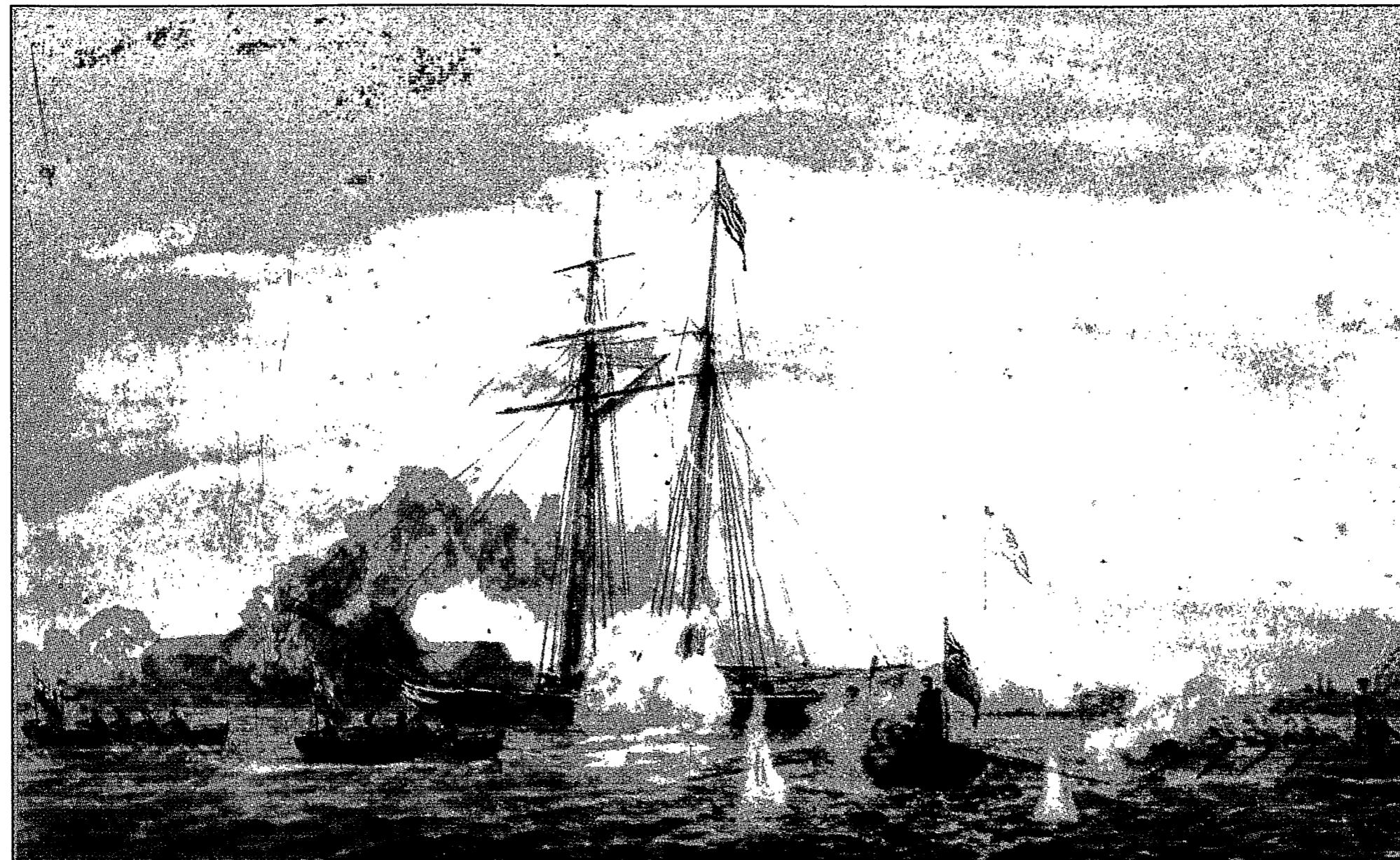
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In early December 1814 in the last days of the War of 1812, a British fleet anchored off Ship Island as the beginning of an invasion of the southern United States that would begin with an epic siege that many of us know as the Battle of New Orleans.

What is not well known is that the siege actually began with two battles, one in the Bay of St. Louis and the other a few miles west of Bayou Caddy. In one way or another, Thomas Shields was involved in both of these.

What follows is adapted from my forthcoming book on the battle, *Sink or be Sunk*, (March 2003). To tell the story properly, we must scroll past much of the action and meet Thomas Shields at the end of the Battle of St. Joes Pass.

Even though the St. Joe Pass battle had taken place in a remote stretch of water, there was just a



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swampy island and the dense forest on the mainland, news of what happened there traveled quickly.

Commandant Patterson, Commander of the New Orleans Station, learned of the battle that evening and the next day dispatched a boat carrying U.S. Navy officers to the battle site "to care and seek the release of the wounded."

The two officers were, Dr. Robert Morrell, a naval surgeon and Thomas Shields, a naval purser.

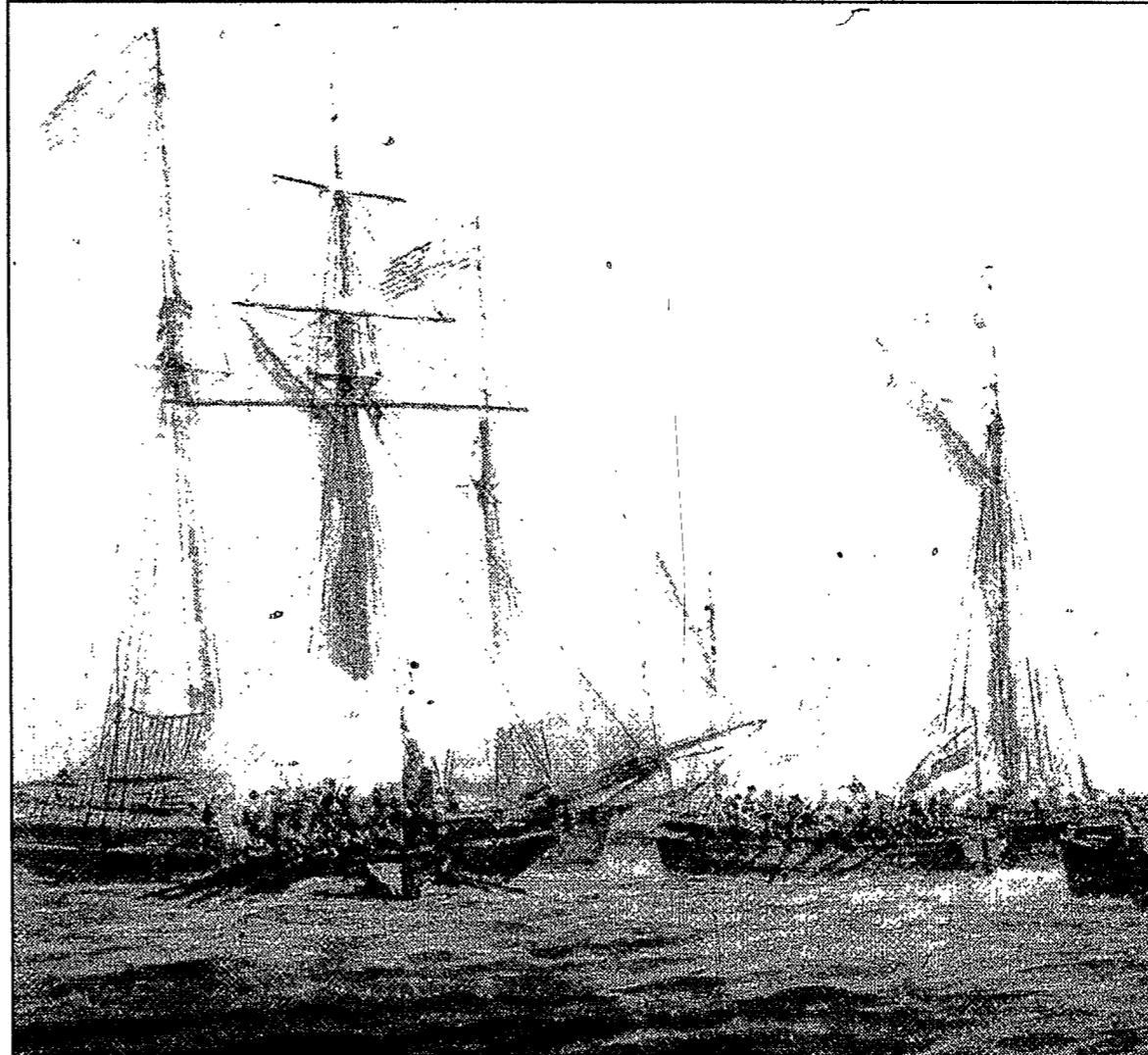
Thomas Shields was an interesting person for Patterson to send and his being assigned indicates in some way that their mission was not altogether devoid of any other purpose than aid to the wounded.

Shields had already had

an indirect association with the effort to stop the British invasion. It turns out that Shields was the same enterprising person who had built a large warehouse in the town on the Bay of St. Louis.

A small fleet of naval gunboats operated out of the Bay of St. Louis and Shields had built the warehouse and rented it to the US Navy to store the naval supplies for these gunboats. Since he was the naval purser in charge of supplies it was a profitable venture.

It was also Shields who had had a two six-pound gun battery placed on the bluff that fronted the town. There was a great deal of piracy taking place in the area and Shield had



"The Battle at St. Joe Pass," an extract from a watercolor by Irwin John Bevin. Reprinted courtesy of The Mariner's Museum.

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**SOUTHERN  
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## Shishi Gashira camellia garners fall medallion

**S**hishi Gashira is without a doubt the finest landscape-camellia on the market, and it has been chosen as a 2002 Mississippi Medallion award winner for the fall. These drop-dead gorgeous camellia sasanquas are waiting for you now at your local garden center.

Their waxy, leather leaves coupled with blooms that are as pretty as roses reveal that these camellias are not only good as shrubs but also for use as foundation plantings.

The camellia is in the tea family and is a staple of the

Southern garden. Shishi Gashira is different from most camellias in that it is a dwarf to compact form of camellia sasanqua with rose-pink blooms. It is reportedly from the Kansai area of Japan.

For newcomers who don't know one camellia from another, there are two basic types sold at your garden center. The camellia sasanqua blooms in the fall and early winter, and the camellia japonica blooms in the winter and early spring.

There are varieties of each that will make that last statement a lie, but for

the most part it is true. The camellia sasanqua has a track record of taking extremely cold winters better than the japonica.

Shishi Gashira can take more sun than camellia japonicas, but I prefer to plant in partial shade. Prepare the bed by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter, two pounds of a 5-10-5 fertilizer per 100 square feet of planting area and till deeply.

Notice that I said bed. It is so important to put the



Fall and winter landscapes will be more beautiful if they include this camellia sasanqua, Shishi Gashira, recently named a 2002 Mississippi Medallion award winner for the fall. Their waxy, leather leaves coupled with blooms that are as pretty as roses reveal that these camellias are not only good as shrubs but also for use as foundation plantings.

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**Local kids graduate 'astronaut' training with honors****THE SEA COAST ECHO**

Two local elementary students graduated with special honors after completing a week of simulated astronaut training in Huntsville, Ala.

Upon their arrival at One Tranquility Base, Jamie Jelinski and Chelsea Levy were briefed on their missions and assigned a room within a futuristic space station mock-up.

During their training, the girls learned Mercury, Gemini, Apollo and overall space history. They constructed rockets and launched them to learn about design and propulsion.

They dressed in flight suits and simulated a space shuttle mission. As a mission specialist, Jamie Jelinski conducted an Extravehicular Activity (spacewalk) that involved building a space structure using struts and nodes while working in a manned maneuvering unit.

As a booster prop technician, Chelsea Levy remained in mission control and monitored the pressurization of the fuel systems and cabin air. Chelsea also verified the main engine and SRB ignition at launch.

The students also traveled on the shuttle to a mock Mars where both girls collected soil and rock samples from the Mars surface.

As a soil analyst, Jamie examined the samples to see if the land was suitable



Chelsea Levy and Jamie Jelinski

for farming. As a biochemist, Chelsea searched for life on the planet by using carbon testing and tests for unsafe radiation levels.

Some of the training apparatus available to the student astronauts were the multi-axis trainer, the 1/6 gravity chair, the manned maneuvering unit, a ride creating a brief period of weightlessness and a ride allowing the force of 4 times the Earth's gravitational pull to be felt.

One of the new programs available to the student astronauts was the Lego Robotics Program. Four

man teams were assigned the task of creating, building and programming RCX Bricks to rescue miniature astronauts, deliver oxygen tanks and deploy a satellite.

Chelsea and Jamie were members of the Dante Team and their robot was recognized by the Marshall Space Flight Center engineers with the Overall Best Design Award.

The engineers also chose their robot to house a mini videocam in order to experience what the robot saw.

As members of the Armstrong Team, Chelsea and Jamie and their teammates earned the

Outstanding Team Award and Best Mission Award.

Chelsea Levy is the daughter of Duke and Jan Levy of Waveland and attends fifth grade at Second Street Elementary.

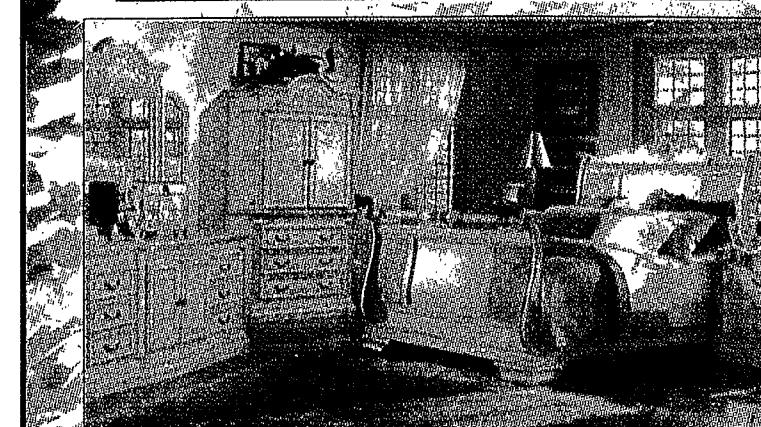
Jamie Jelinski is the daughter of Jim and Lydia Jelinski of Diamondhead and attends fifth grade at East Hancock Elementary.

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**Chiniche selected to Sigma Theta Tau****THE SEA COAST ECHO**

Jami Chiniche of Bay St. Louis has been elected Nov. 11 to membership in Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing as an undergraduate student through Gamma Lambda chapter at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

Sigma Theta Tau works to foster, develop and connect nurse scholars and leaders worldwide to improve health care.

The society promotes nursing excellence through its initiatives in research, leadership, an electronic library, programming and publications and develops and distributes nursing knowledge for use in practice.

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## Weddings and Births



Mr. and Mrs. Mark Truett

## Truett-Hayes

Castle Moffet on Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, was the setting Sunday, October 20, 2002 for the marriage of Sandra Elaine Hayes and Mark Hill Truett.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leigh Fruin of Houston, Texas and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Merrill Hayes of Ft. Worth, Texas.

Mr. Truett is the son of Mrs. Felix Erwin Truett Jr. of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. Truett.

The bride chose for her wedding a gown of ivory satin with an embroidered overlay of English tulle and pearls. She carried a bouquet of champagne colored roses.

Brandi Paige Clark was maid of honor, and Gabriel Ryan Johnson was the best man.

After their wedding the couple toured Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The bride was graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor of business administration in accounting. She is employed with the Houston Symphony.

The groom is also a graduate of the University of Houston with degrees in marketing and management. He is a senior marketing manager with Clear Channel Entertainment in Houston, Texas.

### CALI MARIE REINHART

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reinhart of Diamondhead, announce the birth of their fourth child, Cali Marie, Oct. 3, 2002 at 5:06 p.m. at Ochsner Hospital of New Orleans.

She weighed 5 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Reinhart is the former Daren Ann Deslatte.

Maternal grandparents are Larry and Loretta Deslatte of Franklin, La.

Paternal grandparents are Mary Reinhart Meier of Celina, Ohio, and the late Ernie Reinhart.

Great-grandmother is Loretta Dorsten of Coldwater, Ohio.

Cali Marie is welcomed by brothers Brad and Bret and sister Cady.

### RILEY MICHAEL WELSH

Kelly and Tami Welsh of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their second child, Riley Michael, June 14, 2002 at 2:23 p.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mrs. Welsh is the former Tami Milton.

Maternal grandparents are Demp and Pat Milton of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Arlan Welsh and Alice Forkel of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandmothers are Margie Welsh of Bay St. Louis and Edith Allen of Brentwood, Calif.

Riley is welcomed by his sister, Katie.

### NATHANIEL DAVID DOUGHERTY

Tracey Dougherty of Bay St. Louis announces the birth of her second child, Nathaniel David, Oct. 23, 2002 at 8:41 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis.

He weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces.

Grandparents are Yvonne and Daniel Dougherty Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

Nathaniel is welcomed by his sister, Miranda.

## USMGC Ambassador Series comes to Gulfport Nov. 19

The University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast Ambassador Series will bring the USM International Graduate String Quartet to Gulfport for a music recital Tuesday.

The recital, which is free and open to the public, will start at 7 p.m., in St. Mark Episcopal Church, 123 Church St., Gulfport. The USM International Graduate String Quartet will be joined by the Gulfport High School Chamber Orchestra. For more information, call Billy Ulmer, of the Gulfport School District, at (228) 896-7878.

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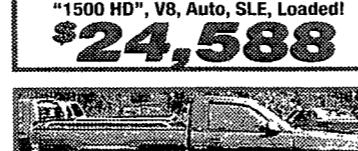
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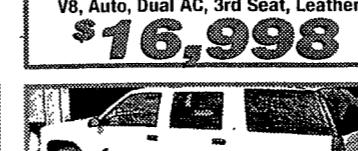
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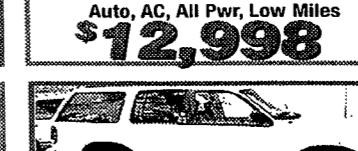
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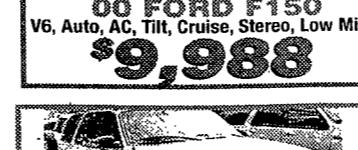
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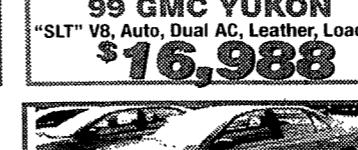
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## Military Mention

### JACQUELINE EVANS

Jacqueline L. Evans has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education.

After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty prior to being assigned to their first permanent duty station.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus.

Evans, a 1999 graduate of Harrison Central High School, Gulfport, has reported for basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

She is the daughter of Jacqueline N. Grayer of Pass Christian and John W. Evans of Forrest, Miss.

### ENSIGN PITCAIRN

Navy Ensign William R. Pitcairn, IV, son of Marylin Sablich of Aurora, Colo. and

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## Views -- Battle on the Bay

these guns placed there to protect his investment.

This turned out to be quite fortunate. It was this two-gun battery commandeered by American navy gunners that was used so well against the British three days earlier in the Battle of Bay St. Louis.

However, when the American forces were forced to retreat, the warehouse was burnt and three years later, Shields successfully sued the government and receive \$10,000 compensation for his loss.

Now, two days after the Battle of St. Joes Pass, it was this locally knowledgeable emissary that Commandant Patterson was sending to accompany Robert Morell on his mission of mercy.

On 16 December, in the process of going east along the coast, Shields, and Morell's small sloop flying a large flag of truce, came across British officers in possession of an American gunboat that had been captured in the St. Joes Pass battle.

It was clear the military men were using the gunboat as a forward command post. It was also clear that they were in the process of establishing an army encampment on a small, rather low grassy island called, Pea Island, near the mouth of the Pearl River.

It was an embarrassing encounter. The British navy commander on the scene, Captain Gordon, and the commander of the British army's advance, Colonel Thornton, were taken completely by surprise.

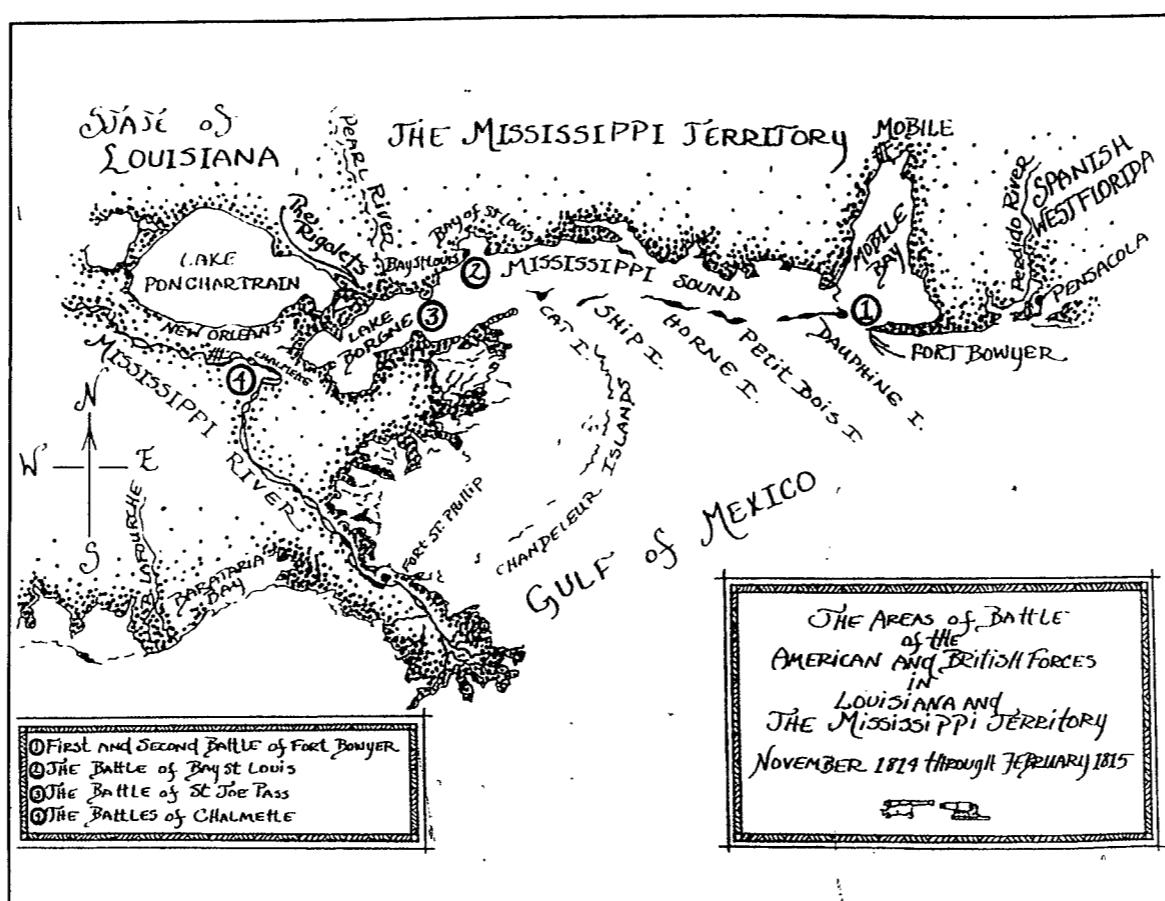
Both British officers had come to the area earlier that day and had picked this island to become a staging area for the large contingent of troops that would soon follow them. It would be from here they would launch their attack on New Orleans...

Speed and secrecy was the operative mode of their endeavor and now, out of seemingly nowhere, this small American Navy sloop appeared with a flag of truce! Captain Gordon, a one-legged fierce British naval officer was beside himself. He was dumbfounded! How had these men found them?

Purser Shields quickly addressed the British officers as to their purpose in the area, stating that they had been sent by the Commandant of the New Orleans Station as official representatives of General Jackson and requested that they be allowed to either remove the wounded Americans on parole or at least see to their wounds.

The British officers, angry at being caught where they were and what they were obviously preparing to do on that wretched island, managed to control themselves, deciding that their best course of action was to pass the Americans on to Admiral Cochrane the overall commander of the British invasion forces.

If there was anyone who would know what to do with them, it would be Admiral



Map, courtesy of Sarah Foster.

Cochrane. And so, on the 17th of December under marine guard, Shields and Morell met the Admiral's barge coming from Ship Island to inspect the staging area being set up on Pea Island.

Vice Admiral Sir Alexander Forrester Inglis Cochrane as a person was a rather domineering, persuasive Scotsman, very sure in stating his opinions and rather proud of his naval accomplishments.

To go with this persona, he was an excellent military tactician and a superior organizer. A tactical and personal point that was perhaps not in his favor was his deep disdain for the American forces opposing him.

Firmly implanted in his mind and heavily reflected in his present actions, was the opinion that in waging war with the Americans, he was chastising undisciplined rabble. He had shown this in his actions in the savage burning and looting of Washington several months earlier.

That mind set had already caused him serious problems in the recent Mobile actions when his men first went against the already legendary American field commander, General Andrew Jackson.

The British had been badly dealt with in the encounter. Admiral Cochrane, however, thought what had happened had been a fluke and was determined to prove that a more concentrated British effort would make the Americans yield.

It was a mind set that would give him even more serious problems in his reencounter with Jackson in present campaign to take New Orleans. Unfortunately, Admiral Cochrane was not alone in this thinking.

It was a disdain that permeated the entire British military attitude to the fledgling republic that was the United States and, in truth, had been the basic reason why the Americans had declared war.

It was a disdain, however, that would be changed to

a high degree of respect in the minds of many of the nineteenth century world powers by the actions that Admiral Cochrane would set into motion during the next thirty days.

After Cochrane had been briefed on the two's alleged purpose, Shields and Morell were escorted in to see Cochrane who sat and for several long minutes read the letters they handed him.

When he was done reading, he returned the papers without comment, and summarily ordered the marine guards to hold the Americans overnight.

The following morning, Shields and Morell were again brought before Cochrane. If the previous day's meeting had not gone well, the new meeting went much worse. The Admiral was extremely angry.

Cochrane glared at the two officers and informed them that the American wounded were being cared for by the same naval surgeons caring for the British wounded (which was true) and that it was unnecessary for the two to see them at all.

In fact, he declared that their presence where they were was unnecessary and, certainly by him, as Admiral of the Fleet, Andrew Jackson.

There was a long silence. Shields by now was also angry and stated in a firm voice that given this attitude by the British Navy, he and, Dr. Morell wished their boat brought alongside as soon as possible.

With the Admirals permission, they would take their leave and inform General Jackson of the British blatant disregard for the humane treatment of wounded prisoners of war.

Admiral Cochrane continued to glare at the two and then abruptly decided to agree with their request, but in his own way. They would, he said, be allowed to see the prisoners but that they would remain on the HMS Tonnant until the British had settled their affairs at New Orleans. With these curt remarks, he called in his aide and dis-

missed them.

The two men did finally see the American wounded. The Admiral was firm in his word, however, and Shields and Morell remained aboard the Tonnant until 12 January 1815, four days after the British army's "affairs" were settled by their overwhelming defeat at Chalmette.

Once released, the two officers reported to General Jackson on what had transpired. They also reported

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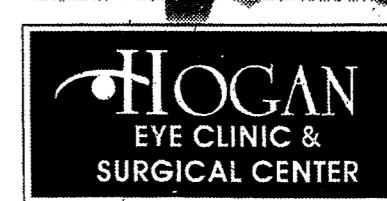
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**Burge on  
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Ashton Robert Burge of Crane Creek made President's List at William Carey College in Hattiesburg.

Burge is a 1999 graduate of Hancock High School and is the son of Tony and Dinell Moran of Crane Creek. He is a senior and will be receiving his bachelor's of arts degree in history.

Burge finished the fall term with a 4.0.

**CITY OF WAVELAND  
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NOVEMBER 19, 2002**

Waveland City Hall, 2nd Floor, 301 Coleman Avenue will be open Saturday, November 9, 2002 and Saturday, November 16, 2002 from 8:00am until 12:00 noon for citizens wishing to vote absentee in the City Election scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2002. This runoff will only pertain to the Alderman's race in Ward #3 and Ward #4.

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## Garden

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Feed a month after transplanting with a light application of a slow-released, balanced fertilizer. Feed established plantings with a slow-released camellia fertilizer or balanced (8-8-8) fertilizer in late spring at one pound per 100 square feet of planted area. Azalea

or camellia blends of fertilizer are great, too.

Water during dry periods and keep well mulched. In fact, get out and rake every pine needle or leaf that falls and consider it like picking up dollar bills. Use a horticultural oil to control scale should they become a problem. Prune after blooming to shape.

The Shishi Gashira combines well as lower level plants adjacent to evergreens such as hollies like Festive, Little Red or junipers. They also work well in combination with Southern Indica type azaleas like Formosa and Judge Solomon.

For a pretty fall and winter display, plant pansies in your bed next to the Shishi Gashira. White Crystal Bowl pansies would look nice, but something like Imperial Frosty Rose, Bingo Rose Frost and Bingo Pink Shades would look really exceptional.

Look for the Mississippi Medallion point-of-sale card directing you to this awesome variety of camellia.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154. He can be heard weekdays at 7:19 a.m. on Public Radio in Mississippi.

## Hancock libraries to celebrate Children's Book Week Nov. 18-24

### THE SEA COAST ECHO

Reading adds color to your day. "Book Time," this year's theme for the 83rd observance of National Children's Book Week, encourages children and the adults who care for them to make time each day to spend with a favorite book.

Sponsored by The Children's Book Council, Children's Book Week is Nov. 18-24.

All branches of the Hancock County Library System - the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, the Kiln Library, and the Pearlington Public Library - will join libraries across the nation in bringing people together to make this week an exciting period of discovery for children.

National Children's Book Week began in 1919, when Franklin K. Mathews, librarian for the Boy Scouts of America, had the idea to honor quality children's literature.

By 1945, the promotion had become so popular that the Children's Book Council was formed to handle the administration and publicity for the week.

The week before Thanksgiving is annually celebrated by schools and libraries to promote reading among children.

In honor of Children's Book Week, a special children's story hour will be held Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

"Turkey Day" will be the theme for the program, and

program coordinator Susan Daigre will read some of her favorite books. Children will be making a turkey decoration.

Thanksgiving will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, Nov. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

*This First Thanksgiving Day, I Know a Lady who Swallowed a Pie and Sweet Potato Pie* are the books to be read. Children will be making a turkey headband.

Weekly story hours at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County and the Kiln Public Library are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

Further information on the children's story hour is available by calling Adrienne Bradley at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library at 467-5282, or Sandra Ladner at the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724.

The Hancock County Library System, funded by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and the cities of Bay St. Louis and is available on the Internet at [www.hancock.lib.ms.us](http://www.hancock.lib.ms.us).

Library users can access the library system's automated catalog via modem through Dial Pac at 463-0024.

## Purchase reduced advertising and help local organization

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Federation is holding its annual Media and Merchandise Auction Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 6:30 p.m. at the President Broadwater Resort, Crown Room A.

A auction allows anyone to purchase media at a reduced rate. Items for pur-

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The free event is a fundraiser for the organization and is open to the public. A portion of the proceeds benefits The Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising

Federation's scholarship fund and annual community service project. This year's project is Gaitz to Success.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Advertising Federation is an organization comprised of professionals in the fields of advertising, marketing, sales and public relations.

The organization meets once per month and provides a medium of exchange for marketing/advertising ideas and information, and educates members on the latest trends in technology, creativity and marketing.

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Our community is constantly growing which means that potential customers are moving into the market area all the time. Advertising gives these newcomers a reason to visit your store.

Most businesses budget for their advertising expenses just as they do for other necessities such as rent, phones, etc. Smart business people realize that advertising is imperative to keep their business growing.

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## REFLECTIONS

## ON LIFE

By Father Jerome  
LeDoux, SVDDon't wait  
till tomorrow

Our funeral service was all but over after the reading of the obituary and a few reflections from two of the children. I was ready to say the concluding prayers when I heard the clinking of chains. Not only mine, but the attention of all rotated toward the disturbing, irritating sound of linked steel.

Making his way quickly toward the lectern was an alert, husky young man decked in an orange jumpsuit.

Handcuffs held his wrists close and tight, while a large steel ring circled through the handcuffs, securing them to a stout chain which also engaged the steel ankle cuffs in a vise-like pattern.

If he wanted to create a dramatic effect, he could not have done any better.

With bated breath, the rest of the congregation must have been wondering about the same things I was as he planted himself at the lectern.

He adjusted the microphone just slightly with fumbling hands impaired by cuffs, ring and chain. There was no doubt that he had everyone's undivided attention.

"Good evening, everybody! I'm the grandson. I'm the son that was adopted by my grandmother. She was my mother, my best friend, whatever was needed from me.

"She was always there for me. My grandmother didn't raise me to be the way that I chose to live. If it had been left up to her, I would be somebody good and special, somebody following the right path.

"But out of peer pressure, wanting to be the big man, being recognized and all the stuff that goes with it, it condemned me from being with her when she needed me the most. I would like to thank everybody that's here for being with us at this time. This means so much to me and my family."

Looking toward the rear of the church, the young man thanked the two policemen who had accompanied him there, calling them by name. He thanked them especially for taking the time to be with him and guard him.

"I am a lot confused. I don't understand my own feelings. I could go on and on. I have a lot to say, and I don't know how to say it at this time.

But I thank all of you for being here and help support us. We're a small family, but we love big. Thank you."

To a rousing round of applause, with multiple choruses of "Praise God!" and "Thank you, Jesus!" the young man turned on his heels and clinked and clanked his way back to his pew, leaving the stunned congregation to simmer confusedly in their own thoughts.

No funeral sermon, homily or eulogy could begin to do for the faithful gathered

## AREA DEVOTIONAL &amp; DIRECTORY PAGES

REFLECTIONS  
ON LIFE  
By Father Jerome  
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The "Word" for the Week  
God's gracious gift

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A man drives through the window of a restaurant and then begins killing the people in that restaurant. Another man kills his fellow employees in a post office.

The discussion around coffee involves gun control. Take the guns out of the hands of these people and you will solve the problem. It is true that taking the guns out of the hands of such people will reduce mass slaughter.

But it will not solve the problem. The root problem is really the hearts of men and women. Why do people kill and murder and destroy? They have a real heart problem.

Listen to what Jesus says, "From within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deed of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

All of these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

Mark 7:21-23

of those who go to prison return to their old ways.

Once they have murdered, they will likely murder again. And there is only one real solution. There must be a radical change of heart. And this means a new heart.

But there is only one source for such a new heart. A new heart is God's gracious gift. Listen,

"Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances" (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

You see, the reason a new heart is the solution to the problem of murder is that a new heart leads people to follow God's command "You shall not commit murder" (Exodus 20:13).

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit [www.w-e-m.org](http://www.w-e-m.org).

## Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

By Ed Young

This article is an urgent warning. Someone - God knows who - needs to realize his or her spiritual condition.

This writer felt led by God to warn everyone that eternity awaits them.

It seems as though they are not prepared to meet God.

This writer is only the messenger; the Bible speaks for itself.

The Word of God says: Enter in at the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many there be who go in that way.

Because narrow is the gate and hard is the way which leads unto life; and few there be that find it. (Matthew 7:13-14)

Most people believe in Heaven, yet many avoid the thought of hell.

In Luke 16:19-31 it talks of a man in torment in that place.

This man wanted Abraham somehow to get him out of this horrible place.

Abraham told that man it was impossible for him to do that.

Abraham told him that he refused while on earth to head the warning; that God is a just God and wants everyone to be with Him in eternity, and yet you turned Him down.

It was too late.

So, dear reader, that man will spend eternity in that horrible place called hell.

However, no one needs to go there. If a person asks Jesus to forgive him and invited the Lord into this life, God will forgive and forget and will give that person eternal life.

That's what God wants to do. (John 3:16)

Please heed the warning and receive the free gift of life.

## St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor, 228-467-4746

Mass Schedule:

St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 4 p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road, mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann): Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Nov. 17: Youth Mass, 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 18: CCD classes, grades K-5, 3:45 p.m.; grades 6-12, 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Nov. 18: RCIA classes, 7 p.m.

Nov. 18: CYO, 6:15-7 p.m.

Pre-baptism classes are conducted the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the CCD Building. The next class is Monday, Dec. 2.

Applications for Thanksgiving baskets will be taken Nov. 18 through 21 from 9 a.m. until noon in the CCD Building for parish residents only.

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The Diamondhead Performing Arts Society presents the Pfister Sisters, Holley Benttsen, Debbie Davis and Yvette Voelker Cuccia with pianist Amasa Miller today, Sunday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Singled out in 1981 by Variety as one of the best new acts of the Jazz and Heritage Festival, the Pfister Sisters have delighted audiences with their sweet/hot jazz harmonies since 1979.

Holley, Debbie, Yvette and Amasa comprise one of the few groups that represent the New Orleans swing era and the only act featuring vocal jazz harmony.

The Pfisters have sung with the Neville Brothers at Angola State Prison, with Linda Rondstadt and Jimmy Buffet at the New Orleans Artists Against Homelessness and Hunger concerts, and with Maxene Andrews (yes, of the Andrews Sisters) on the wing of an airplane.

They are equally at home fronting a large orchestra as they are in an intimate cabaret setting, regaling audiences with stories of the music they bring to life.

The Pfister Sisters pay homage to their 1930's New Orleans predecessors, the Boswell Sisters on their 2000 CD, "All's Well That's Boswell."

Learn about the contribution of these incredible

ladies to New Orleans' infant jazz scene, and enjoy the Sisters' interpretation of their sweet-hot vocal arrangements.

You can also hear original tunes - check out the Pfisters' funky tribute to our favorite local performers, "Down at the Jazz Fest in New Orleans." Written by founding Pfister Holley Benttsen, the song is available on their first CD "The Pfister Sisters."

They will be accompanied for their November Diamondhead performance by their big band.

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$3.50 students and are available at Diamondhead Drugs or at the door.

For details, call 228-255-6049.

## Bay Artists Co-op open house

The Bay Artists Co-op is holding its 8th annual Open House and Studio Sale of fine art and craft on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Co-op is a loose association of artists sharing studio space in the old National Guard Armory in Bay St. Louis since 1995. This year, besides demonstrations by most of the artists, the co-op will have **Billy Ray Hammons** playing on the guitar on Saturday and with a trio on Sunday. These afternoon sets will be his ballads, blues and love songs.

**Mark Buszkiewicz** will be on hand to talk about and, as time permits, demonstrate his "stretchy" technique of making sculptural vases. These works are gaining recognition as was shown by his well attended exhibit at Quartermoon Gallery in Bay St. Louis in September, where he regularly shows. New pieces available.

**Regan G. Carney**, one of the founding members and the manager of the co-op, will present a bounty of her well-crafted thrown and hand-built pottery, as well as clay sculpture, which she has been doing for 22 years.

She is represented by Quartermoon Gallery. A student of hers will be demonstrating throwing pottery on the wheel, early Saturday.

**Christine Johnson Lucas** will present her hand-built clay figures, candlesticks and gold/silver leaf crosses. She shows at Judy Decorative Arts and Villa

Vie in New Orleans, and **Chessy's** in Bay St. Louis, and was the winner of the 2000 WYES art auction.

**Kathy McKeague**, along with having her hand-built bowl and platter forms for sale, will be demonstrating her hand-building techniques.

She has been showing at Quartermoon Gallery Saturday only.

**AJ Reed** will be on hand to discuss and demonstrate his stained glass and tile painting techniques Saturday only. He shows at Jean Braly's in N.O. and Quartermoon Gallery.

**Dale and Pam Simmons** will have quality Raku lamps and original landscape paintings on paper.

**Bob Tomson**, a nationally known metalsmith, best known for his "natural metals" fountains representing local flora (there is one in Bay City Grill), will present his "Old Town Crab Co." and "Bay Art Series" as well as

new and popular older designs.

He will have both small and large pieces on hand and will be demonstrating as time permits. He is an exhibiting member of the Craftsmen's Guild of Mississippi since 1978 and a past president.

**Kathy Winn** of "Kats Hats," although not a member of the co-op, will demonstrate felt making. She will have a number of styles of her hand sculpted hats to order from on hand. Her hats are in both Quartermoon and Purple Snapper.

Bay Artists Co-op is located at 415 S. Necessity St., Bay St. Louis, across from the St. Stanislaus football field and directly across the railroad tracks from the Train Depot. The Open House/Studio Sale will be Saturday Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday Nov. 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number is (228) 467-0073.

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Look for main dishes such as roasted loin of pork with apple/pear chutney, honey/orange glazed ham, roasted turkey with giblet gravy and savory herb-roasted chicken. Holiday vegetables include cornbread dressing, medley of harvest vegetables, baked sweet acorn squash, candied yams, roasted garlic and sour cream potatoes, and roasted sweet potatoes. Fresh cranberry relish with mandarin orange, apple walnut salad and fresh fruit ambrosia will also be on the menu.

For dessert, look for fresh-baked pumpkin upside down cake and none other than sweet potato pie.

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